Merman in My Tub
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PICTURE BOOK OF LIVING CREATURES

(...or appearing characters)

KASUMI

TATSUMI'S LITTLE SISTER. LOVES HER BIG BROTHER VERY MUCH. RESENTS WAKASA.

TATSUMI

THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE. HIGH SCHOOL BOY. GOOD AT COOKING AND HOUSE-HOLD CHORES.

SOUSUKE

TATSUMI'S FRIEND. HE HAS TWO OLDER SISTERS.

MAKI

A SNAIL THAT APPEARS QUIETLY AT THE BATH. SUPER NEAR-SIGHTED AND DEPRES-SIVE.

MIKUNI

A JELLYFISH THAT WANDERS INTO THE BATH. HIS BODY IS 99% WATER. HE LOVES ENERGY WATER.

WAKASA

THE FREE-LOADING FISH OF THE HOUSE. HOW OLD IS HE? DON'T ASK.

AGARI

A SHARK THAT SUDDENLY APPEARS AT THE BATH. IT SEEMS HE IS OLDER THAN WAKASA.

TAKASU

AN OCTOPUS AND OLD FRIEND OF WAKASA. HE'S GOOD AT MASSAGES.

WHAT? TATSUMI-KUN, YOU WANTED SOME CHOCOLATE?
JUST ASK!
I HAVE SOME EXTRA, TOO!
CHATTER
OH. I'LL GIVE HIM ONE, TOO.
CHATTER

IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY, TATSUMI.
HOW MANY CHOCOLATES DID YOU GET LAST YEAR?
TWO. (MOM AND LITTLE SISTER.)
I WON! I HAD THREE! (MOM AND TWO BIG SISTERS.)
POFF
POFF

WANT SOME...?
NOD
YEAH.
←HONEST
OVER-FLOWING

TATSUMI. HERE'S SOME CHOCOLATE.
MAKE SURE YOU BEAT SOUSUKE.
THANKS.

CHAPTER 16
VALENTINE'S AT MY HOUSE

IT SURPRISED ME HOW MANY GIRLS HAD EXTRA.
OH... THANK GOODNESS... THEY WERE JUST FRIEND CHOCOLATES FROM YOUR CLASSMATES.

THIS IS GREAT, TATSUMI! YOUR LIFE'S LIKE A MANGA.
MUNCH MUNCH
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE GOTTEN SO MUCH...
OH, THIS IS DELICIOUS.

IT LOOKS LIKE I DIDN'T NEED TO WORRY!
RUMMAGE RUMMAGE
TEE HEE.
I PREPARED A BIG GIFT SO I COULD OUTDO FISH-SAN, BUT...

KASUMI... YOU CAME TO VISIT?
PLONK ゴトン
BIG BROTHER...

SQUISHED

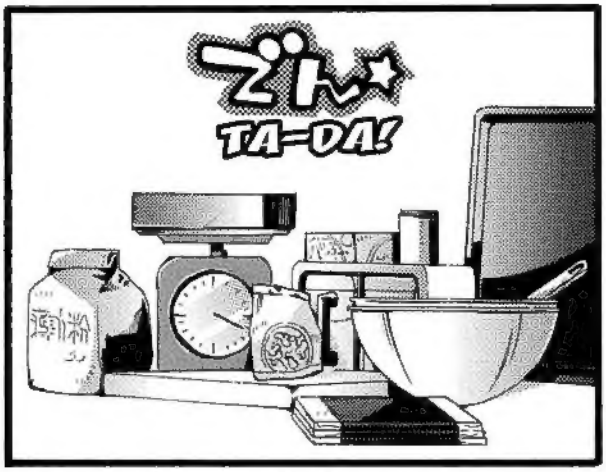
GLIMMER
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE CHOCOLATE...?
GLIMMER
HEY...

SNIFFLE
I DID HEAR A "PLONK" EARLIER.
COME TO THINK OF IT...

KASUMI... WAKASA CAN'T EVEN LEAVE THE TUB FOR LONG.
FISH-SAN! YOU GAVE HIM TOO MUCH?!!
FLINCH
MUCH LESS BUY CHOCOLATES.

I WORKED SO HARD ON IT...!
SOB!
EV...
EVEN IF THE SHAPE IS BAD, IT'S STILL EDIBLE...
WHY IS THERE AN OCTOPUS LEG IN IT?
IT'S RUINED!!
NO !!
I CAN'T GIVE YOU SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!
WAAAH!
SOB!
YOU CAN'T EAT IT--!!
TONK
HEY, NOW.
BEFORE YOU CRY AND CAUSE TATSUMI TROUBLE, WHY DON'T YOU JUST MAKE SOMETHING ELSE?
OR ARE YOUR FEELINGS TOO WEAK FOR YOU TO TRY AGAIN?
MY...
MY FEELINGS AREN'T THAT WEAK!
I CAN MAKE SOMETHING MUCH BETTER THAN THIS!!
YEAH.
IMPRESSIVE.
HE'S GOTTEN GOOD AT DEALING WITH HER...

HEY. HEY. SENPAI!
THIS IS HARD TO PUT IN THE BOWL. WHAT SHOULD I DO?!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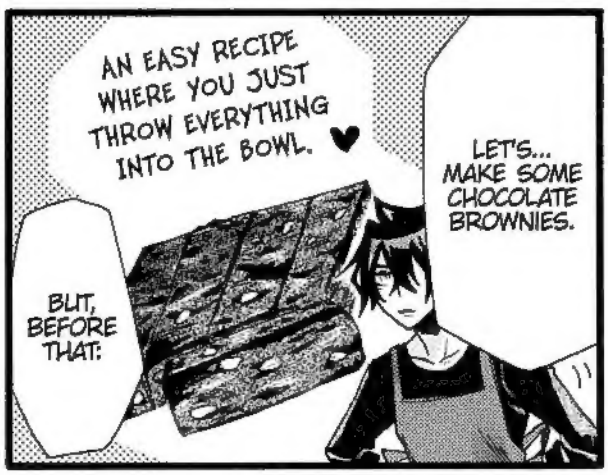
TA-DA!

GOOD-NESS, FISH-SAN.
YOU MELT THAT IN THE HOT BATHWATER FIRST!

HOW DID IT BECOME LIKE THIS?
I CAN HELP, TOO?!
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME!!
IT'S FINE! IT'S BORING TO DO IT ALONE!
YOU'RE MY SENPAI!!
S-SENPAI? THAT MEANS "OLDER," RIGHT?!

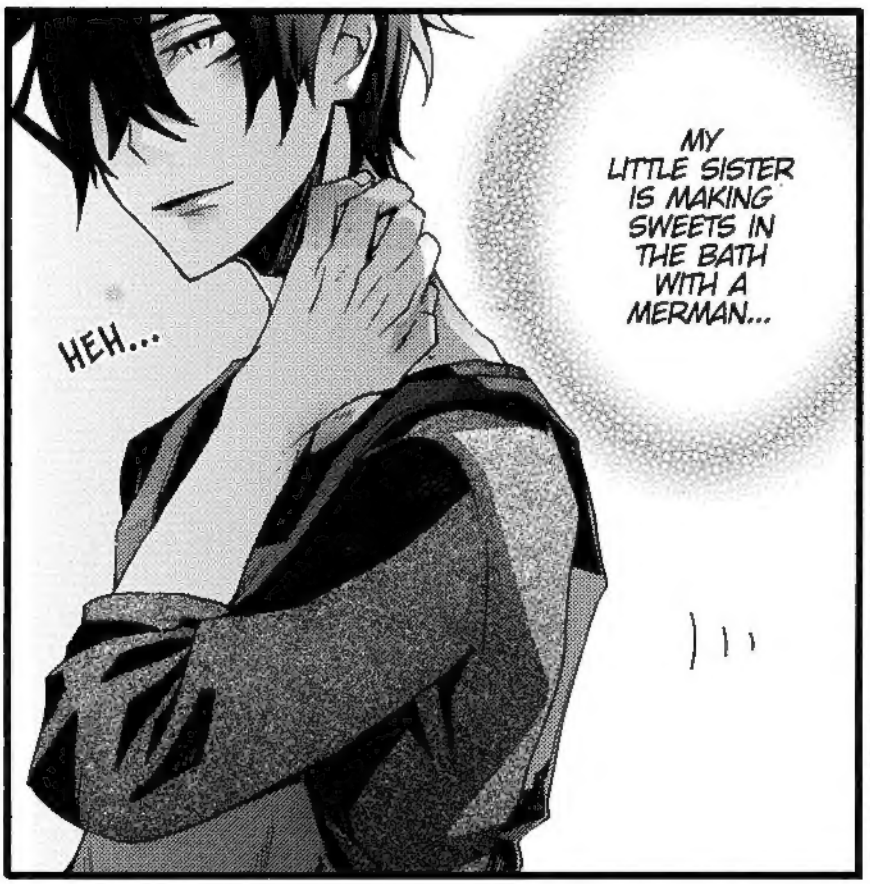
DA-
DAN
WRONG.


LET'S... MAKE SOME CHOCOLATE BROWNIES.
AN EASY RECIPE WHERE YOU JUST THROW EVERYTHING INTO THE BOWL.
BUT, BEFORE THAT:

CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
YOU DON'T USE ANYTHING IN THE BATH-ROOM.
THIS IS WHAT YOU DO.

SLIME
SPLI...
WATER
ESPECIALLY NOT EXTRA BATHWATER. YOU BIG SPLASHER.
DON'T PUT ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE INGREDIENTS IN THE RECIPE, OKAY?
MYSTERIOUS THINGS
SNACKS

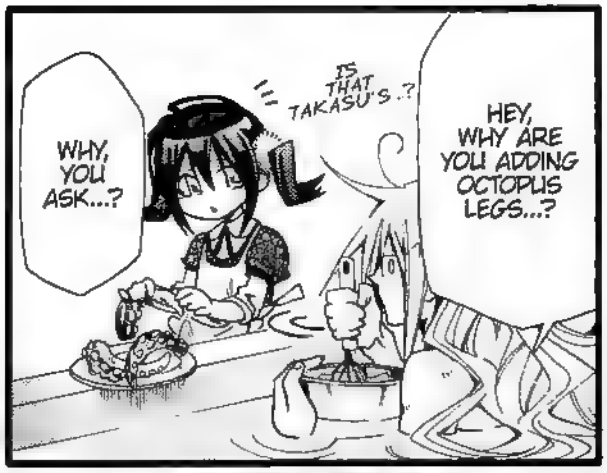
WE'RE MAKING THIS FOR YOU!!
THAT'S WHY I'M NERVOUS.
PUSH
PUSH
JEEZ!! THERE'S NO POINT IF YOU HELP, BIG BROTHER!!


HEH...
MY LITTLE SISTER IS MAKING SWEETS IN THE BATH WITH A MERMAN...

GUESS I'LL... WARM UP THE OVEN.
SHUNK
↑ Pushed out.

THROW IT IN! THROW IT IN!!
SHOULD WE ADD MORE CHOCOLATE?!
LET'S DOUBLE THE SUGAR!
FSHH
SO THAT'S WHY TATSUMI MAKES COCOA SO STRONG!
I SEE!
HE DOESN'T LOOK IT, BUT BIG BROTHER LOVES SWEET THINGS!
WELL, IT'S FINE...

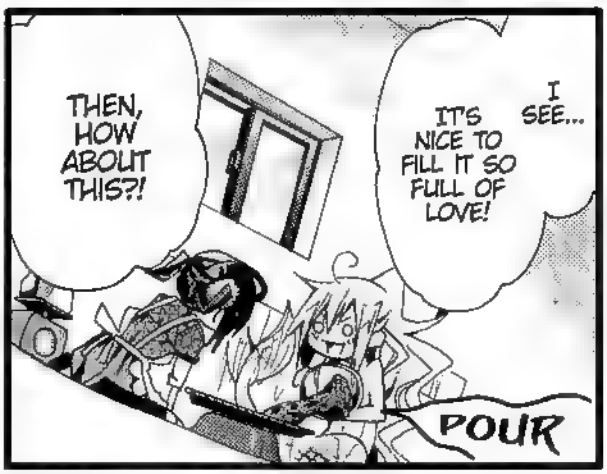
STARE
WHAT ...
FISH-SAN?
Waiting for the baking to finish.


IS THAT TAKASU'S..?
WHY, YOU ASK...?
HEY, WHY ARE YOU ADDING OCTOPUS LEGS...?

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW BUSY HUMANS ARE WITH SO MANY EVENTS IN A YEAR.
HM?
OH... NO...
ONE-
TWO
THIS IS MY FIRST VALEN-TINE'S TOO

HE DOES?
BIG BROTHER LIKES OCTOPUS.
WOULDN'T YOU WANT SOMETHING FULL OF THE THINGS YOU LIKE?
PLUCK
PLUCK

YOU DIDN'T HAVE VALEN-TINE'S DAY AT YOUR HOUSE, FISH-SAN?
SPLISH
NO. I DIDN'T.


I SEE...
IT'S NICE TO FILL IT SO FULL OF LOVE!
THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS?!
POUR

JUST HOW DEEP IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE DID YOU LIVE?!
DID YOU HAVE ELEC-TRICITY ?!
NOPE.
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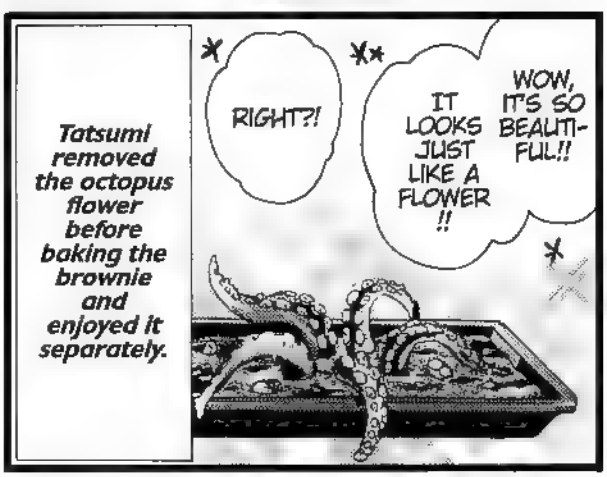
Tatsumi removed the octopus flower before baking the brownie and enjoyed it separately.
RIGHT?!
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A FLOWER !!
WOW, IT'S SO BEAUTI-FUL!!

WOW!
IT LOOKS SO GOOD!
STEAM!
HERE. IT'S DONE.

BUT... YOU KNOW!
AHEM!

SURE! THE DAY'S GOING BY FAST!
SLICE
SLICE
WAIT, WE'RE EATING IT ALREADY?
NOW WE JUST HAVE TO COOL IT DOWN--

TONK
YEAH...
BIG BROTHER WILL DO THEM ALL WITH YOU, IF YOU ASK.
IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE THEM YET, YOU CAN JUST DO THEM NOW.

THANKS...
ENJOY IT WHILE IT'S HOT LIKE MY FEELINGS FOR YOU!
HERE! FOR YOU, BIG BROTHER!
HOT
HOT

AND I EVEN GOT A PRESENT FROM HIM!
I'M SO LUCKY!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
HE CELEBRATED HALLOWEEN AND CHRISTMAS!

HUH?!
I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING?!
FLINCH
FISH-SAN!!

I KNEW IT--!
SO IT WAS YOUR FAULT THAT BIG BROTHER DIDN'T COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS ?!!
SPLASH
SPLASH

HUH?
.....
THE ONE I MADE FOR YOU GOT SQUISHED, TOO!
IT'S THE SAME AS BIG BROTHER'S, BUT...
YOURS IS FRIEND CHOCO-LATE, OKAY?!
LET'S BE CLEAR ABOUT THAT!
FOR VALENTINE'S DAY...
IT ISN'T FUN UNLESS YOU ACTUALLY GET IT FROM A GIRL.
TEAR
VALEN-TINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE HAS A SPECIAL TASTE...
SPLISH
TATSUM!!! I GOT SOME VALENTINE'S CHOCOLATE, TOO!! I'M SO POPULAR!!
SPLISH
GOOD FOR YOU..
Y YOU'RE OVERREACTING! IT'S JUST FRIEND-CHOCOLATE, YOU KNOW?!
ONLY THE ONES WHO GET TO EAT IT UNDER-STAND THE FLAVOR.

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BUBBL
BUBBLE BATH
BUBBLE BASE
Very Bubbly!
ROSE-SCENTED with Hyaluronic Acid
ばナンナンFLOP

THESE... ARE PROBABLY THE ONES.
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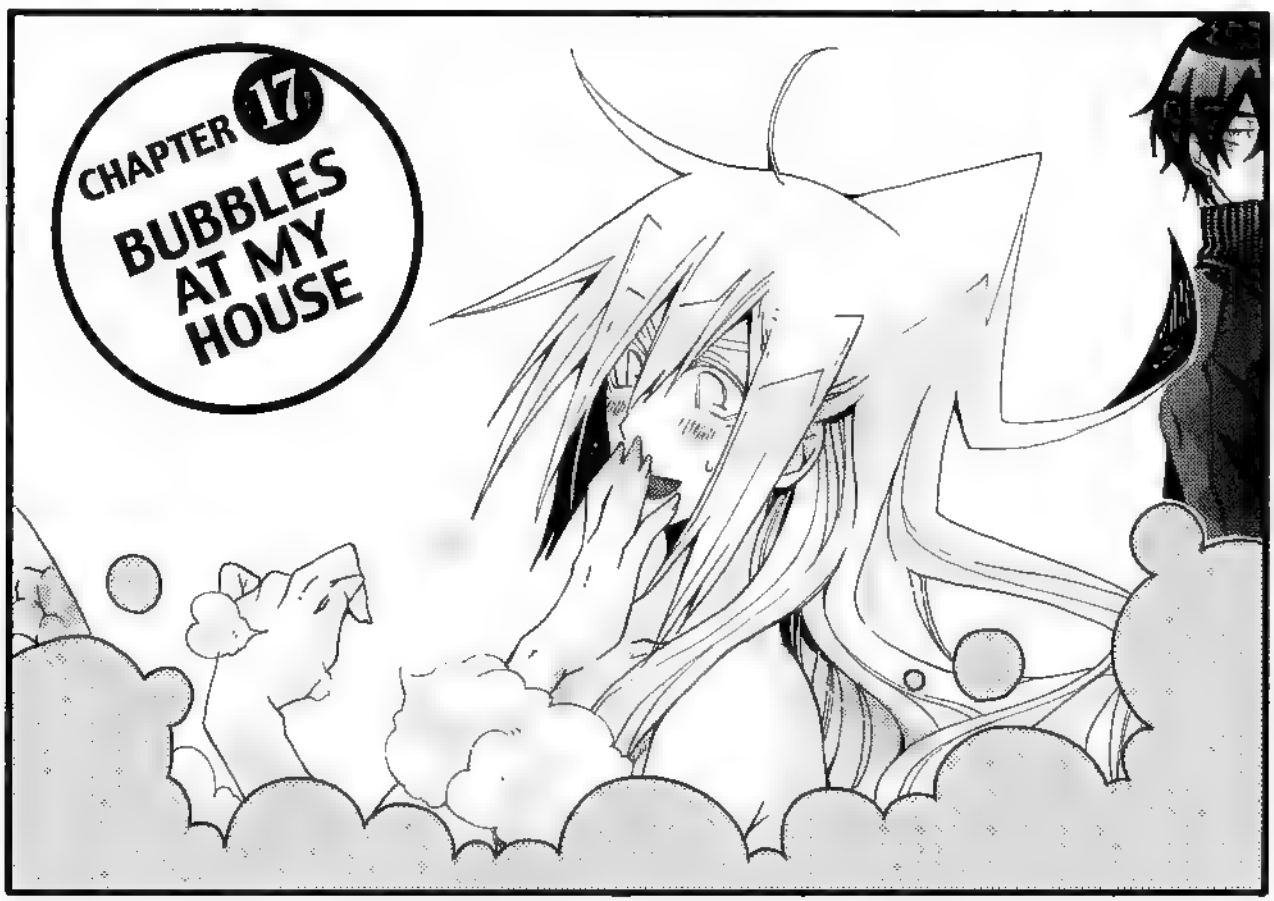
SMILE!
GLEAM
BEEP

WEL-COME!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRON-AGE.


CHAPTER 17
BUBBLES AT MY HOUSE

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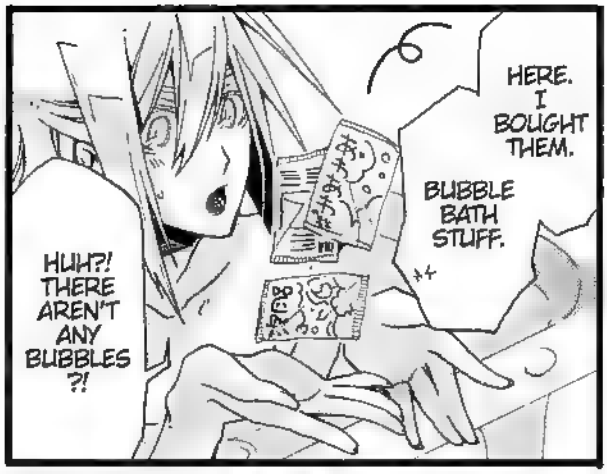
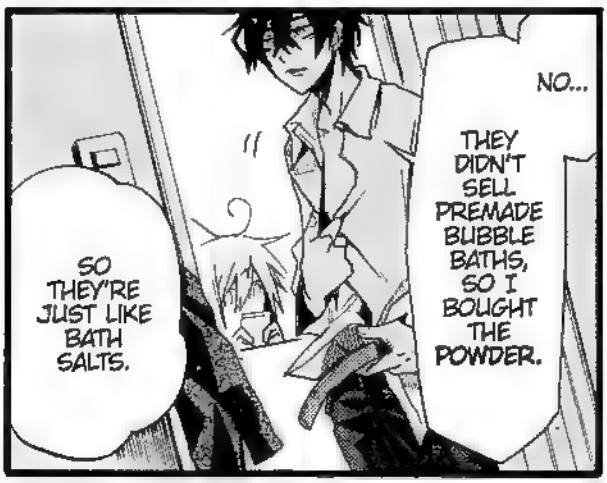
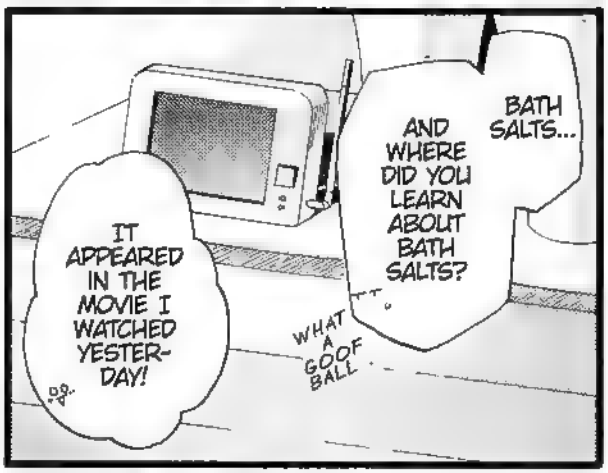
GA-CHUNK
WHERE ARE THE DIREC-TIONS?
WHAT-EVER. LET'S DO THIS.
SO TO THE POINT!!


HERE. I BOUGHT THEM.
BUBBLE BATH STUFF.
HUH?! THERE AREN'T ANY BUBBLES ?!

GRAB
カバッ


NO...
THEY DIDN'T SELL PREMADE BUBBLE BATHS, SO I BOUGHT THE POWDER.
SO THEY'RE JUST LIKE BATH SALTS.

SLAP
SLAP


BATH SALTS...
AND WHERE DID YOU LEARN ABOUT BATH SALTS?
WHAT A GOOF BALL
IT APPEARED IN THE MOVIE I WATCHED YESTER-DAY!

HMooo
HM...
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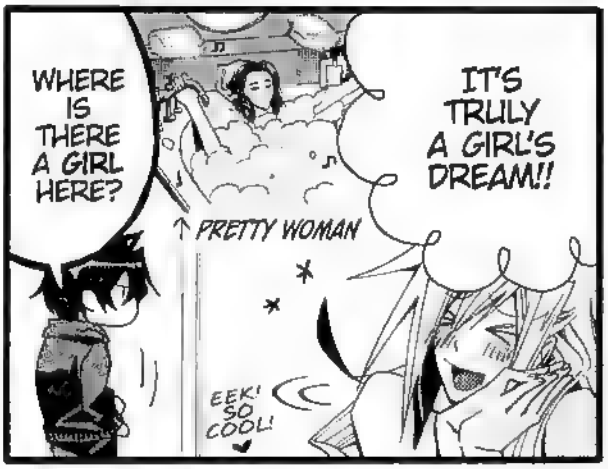
ADD AND MIX THE POWDER INTO A SMALL AMOUNT OF HOT WATER...
CREATE BUBBLES WITH THE SHOWER HEAD FOR TWO MINUTES... OKAY.


WHERE IS THERE A GIRL HERE?
IT'S TRULY A GIRL'S DREAM!!
↑ PRETTY WOMAN
EEK! SO COOL!

H...HEY! CAN I GET IN?!!
HELP YOUR-SELF.

THAT'S AMAZING!
FSHHH
OH. WHOA. IT REALLY STARTED BUBBLING UP...

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POSH

OH. WAIT. I WANT TO WATCH A LITTLE LONGER!
FLOP
I'M GOING TO ADD WATER, SO I'M PUTTING THE LID ON.
I GUESS THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE IT PLENTY LATER.
SPLISH
SPLISH

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POSH
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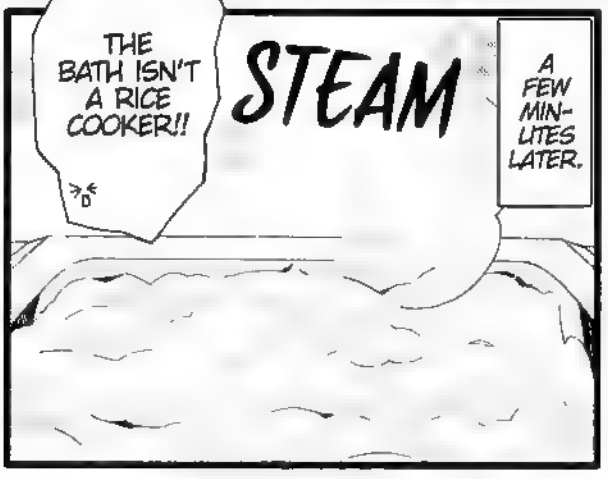
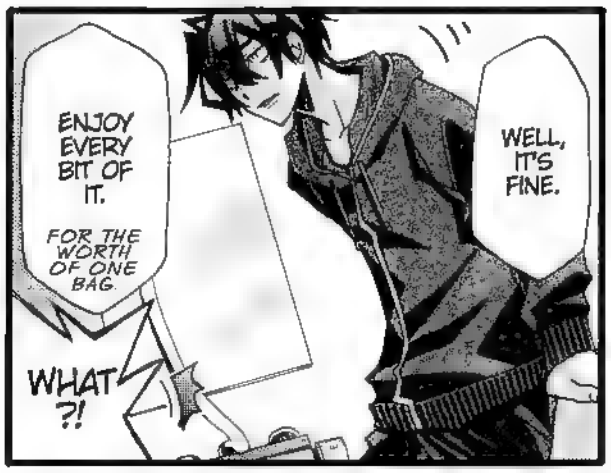
POSH

NO.
YOU CAN'T OPEN RICE COOKERS BEFORE THEY'RE DONE, EITHER.
HEY... CAN I OPEN IT?
GLANCE
GLANCE

IT'S MORE WASTEFUL TO LET IT DIE DOWN WITHOUT USING IT.
I FEEL LIKE MAKING A HOLE IN IT IS A WASTE.


THE BATH ISN'T A RICE COOKER!!
STEAM
A FEW MIN-UTES LATER.

YEAH!
IT FEELS SO FLUFFY...
IT MELTS ON YOUR SKIN.
AND IT SMELLS NICELY OF ROSES!
HOW IS IT?
DOES IT FEEL BUBBLY?
EEE~~~!!
IT'S SO BUBBLY AND FEELS GOOD!♡♡
IT SUITS HIM...
HE'S BUBBLY, TOO


ENJOY EVERY BIT OF IT.
FOR THE WORTH OF ONE BAG.
WELL, IT'S FINE.
WHAT?!

IT'S JUST THE TOP
ISN'T IT BECAUSE MAKING THAT MANY BUBBLES IS REALLY HARD?
BUT THE BOTTOM OF A BUBBLE BATH IS STILL WATER, HUH?

PULL PULL
THERE'S NO WAY I'D TAKE SUCH A GIRLY BATH.
AT LEAST, NOT WITHOUT A GIRL
YOU'VE NEVER TAKEN A BUBBLE BATH EITHER, RIGHT?!
YOU SHOULD JOIN IN, TATSUMI!

THEY SAY BUBBLES WORK AS AN INSULATOR. ARE THEY KEEPING THE WATER WARM?
HM...
I DON'T KNOW!

SLIP
※ CAUTION: Formula can make bathroom tile slippery.

OH!
BUT...
I FEEL LIKE MY SKIN'S GOTTEN REALLY SOFT!

.....
RUMBLE
RIGHT?!
IT'S EXPENSIVE!!
IS... ISN'T IT A WASTE TO BATHE IN IT ALONE...?!
RUMBLE
RIGHT?!

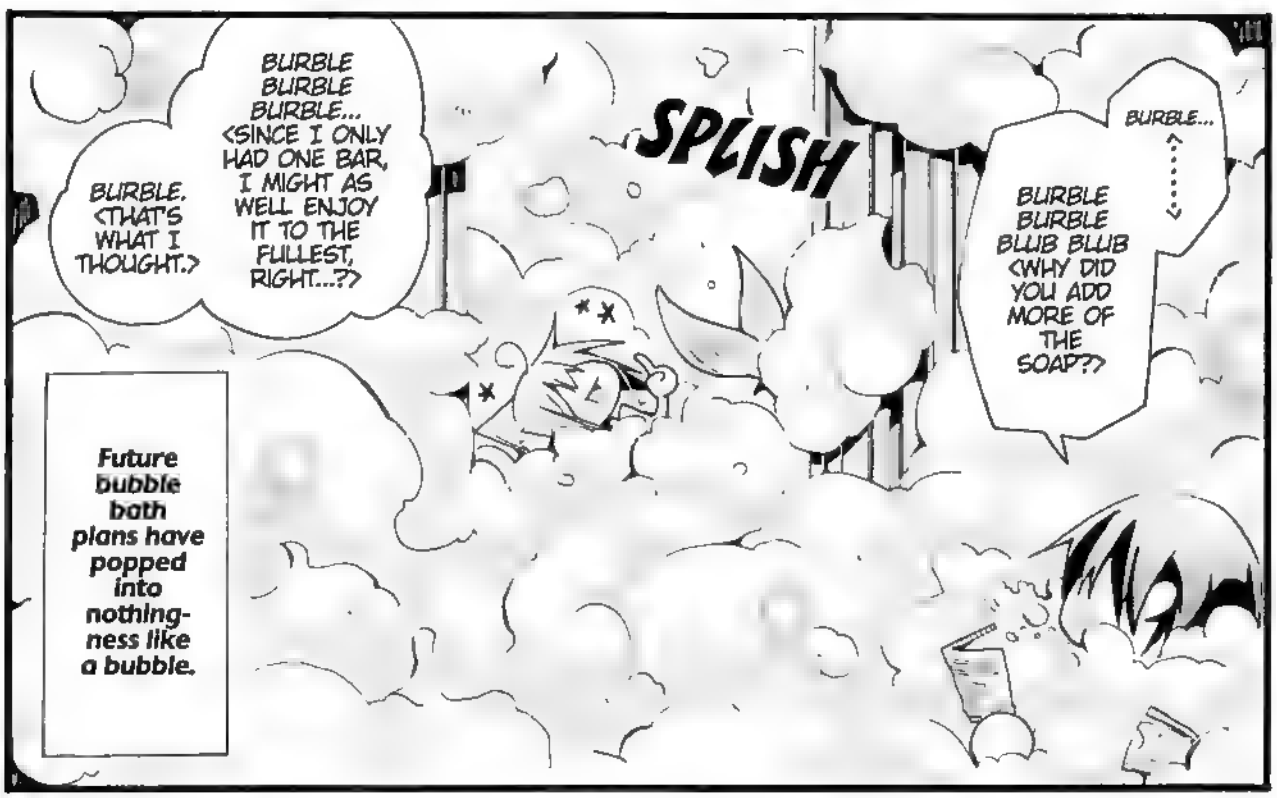
ROSES AND HYALURONIC ACID ARE AMAZING!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF MAKING YOUR SKIN EVEN NICER THAN IT IS ALREADY?!
SPLISH

Behold Tatsumi's anger and confusion in the previous caption...!
BE-FORE ...
I WOULD HAVE NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD EVER TAKE A BUBBLE BATH IN MY LIFE.
SPLOSH!
SEE?
YOU SHOULD ENJOY IT NOW THAT YOU'RE SOAKING IN IT!
!
DIIIING
...!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I GUESS WE GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY.
DON'T SAY ANY-THING.
I NEED TO ACT MY AGE
The thrill of victory is gone?
JUST SOME REMNANTS LEFT
THE BUB-BLES ...
THEY'RE ALL GONE...
※ Both of these two are adults.
HA HA HA!
HA HA! I WILL PARRY YOUR THRUST!!
HIIYA!
NOW, COME HERE!
I'LL COVER YOU IN BUB-BLES TOO!

POP
TATSUMI LEFT...
I WANT TO PLAY IN IT AGAIN, BUT THERE AREN'T ENOUGH BUBBLES...
HOW BORING.
NOW.
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
MMM
MPH!
TH...
THERE...!
LET THERE BE... BUBBLES !!
SPLISH
SPLIIIISH

?!
EEEEK
!

BUBBLE
WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?
GA-CHAK


BURBLE. <THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.>
BURBLE BURBLE BURBLE... <SINCE I ONLY HAD ONE BAR, I MIGHT AS WELL ENJOY IT TO THE FULLEST, RIGHT...?>
SPLISH
BURBLE...
BURBLE BURBLE BLUB BLUB <WHY DID YOU ADD MORE OF THE SOAP?>
Future bubble bath plans have popped into nothing-ness like a bubble.

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BUTLER BATH
?
I CAN'T READ IT
.....

CHA-CHAK
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OR WOULD YOU LIKE ME-->
<PLU... PLUEESE ...>
...PLEASE RELAX TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.
PRINCESS.
<WELCOME HOME, PRINCESS.>
<WOULD YOU LIKE DINNER FIRST?>
<OR A BATH FIRST?>

CHAPTER 18
ULTIMATE BUTLERS
A FAN CLUB...?
WE ARE YOUR BUTLERS, PRINCESS.
THIS USED TO BE A POPULAR THING IN JAPAN, BUT AMERICAN READERS WON'T GET IT.

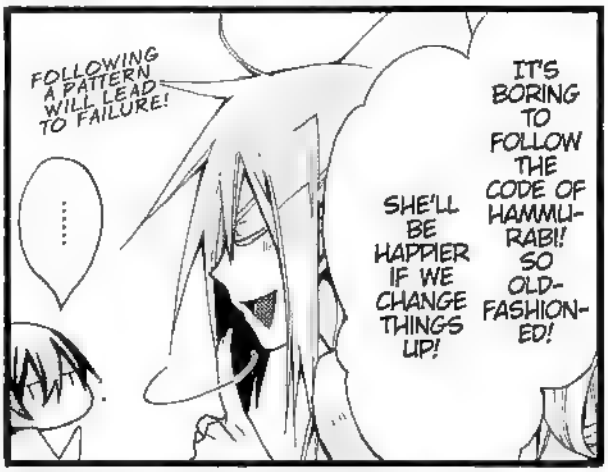
AS THANKS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY...
I'M A PRINCESS FOR AN ENTIRE DAY...?
AND THE TWO OF YOU ARE MY BUTLERS ...?

SORRY... THIS IS ALL WAKA-SA'S FAULT...
EH?! WHAT ...
BUTL ...?!

YES!
THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT, PRINCESS!
SHE ISN'T TURNED OFF BY THE IDEA...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S OKAY

A few days ago.
SPLISH
HUH?
NOT GOOD ENOUGH ?
IT'S WHITE DAY, THE DAY BOYS PAY GIRLS BACK FOR VALENTINE'S DAY, AND YOU'RE THANKING HER FOR HER SWEETS WITH... SWEETS?

I CAN SAY ANY-THING I WANT?
YOU'LL LISTEN TO EVERY-THING I SAY?


FOLLOWING A PATTERN WILL LEAD TO FAILURE!
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SHE'LL BE HAPPIER IF WE CHANGE THINGS UP!
IT'S BORING TO FOLLOW THE CODE OF HAMMU-RABI! SO OLD-FASHION-ED!

SHWIP
OKAY! THEN, LET'S TAKE A BATH TO--
LET US HAVE DINNER, PRINCESS.

PRACTICE ...?
COME ON! LET'S PRACTICE!
HUH?
HUH...?

I UNDER-STAND.
CHATTER
THANK YOU!
FEED ME OTHER THINGS!
CHATTER
MRGH...

PUMPKIN SALAD!
OMELET RICE!
SPRING ROLLS!
IT'S ALL THINGS I LIKE...!!
TATSUMI WORKED HARD TO MAKE EVERYTHING FOR YOU.

WH...
WHY NOT TRY THIS, AS WELL?
TILT

HUH?!
TH... THAT'S EMBAR-RASSING !!
HERE, PRIN-CESS.
OPEN YOUR MOUTH.

NOM
BIG--!
BIG BROTH-ER...
IT'S DELICIOUS, BUT IT'S TOO BIG...
I'M GOING TO CHOKE
NOM

YOUR MOUTH GOT A BIT DIRTY...
MY APOLO-GIES.
MM...

WHY DON'T YOU SPIT IT OUT?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OH... SORRY. I FORGOT TO CUT IT...
NO! I WON'T.
THAT'D BE A WASTE

HE'S PERFECT.
I AM VERY SORRY.
OH... YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY-THING TO DRINK.
HE HAD MORE TIME TO PRACTICE THAN ME.
Missed his chance. ↑

THEN, HERE'S MY ORDERS!
PAT MY HEAD!

WE CAN'T EAT BEFORE THE PRINCESS.
DID YOU BOTH EAT ALREADY, BIG BROTHER?

CARRY ME!

THEN CAN WE EAT TOGETHER?
IT'S BORING TO EAT ALONE.
HERE. AHH!

KISS...
ME...
MMN...!

AH--!

PLEASE SAVE YOUR LIPS FOR YOUR FUTURE BOY-FRIEND.
DARN!!
STILL, THEY ARE THE ULTIMATE BUTLERS !!!

MMM... TASTY.
IS THIS AN INDIRECT KISS WITH BIG BROTHER ?!!
MY FIRST, "SAY AHH"...!!
I'M SO DARING
GASP!!

BIG BROTHER. THIS IS AN ORDER. LET'S TAKE A BATH TOGETH--
NO, PRINCESS.
BUT, IN THE END, THERE'S GOT TO BE A BATH!

SERVE YOU PROPERLY.
LIFT
WE SHALL...

PLEASE ENJOY YOURSELF TO THE FULLEST...

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This panel is left to your imagination.
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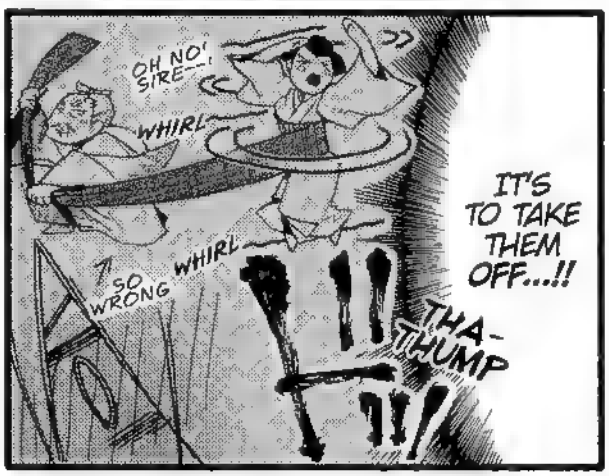
GA-CHAK
HOW IS THE BRUSHING?
NOW...
HERE IS THE MAIN EVENT OF TODAY.
HUFF
PRINCESSES ARE AMAZING...!
THEY GET SPOILED THAT MUCH ALL THE TIME...?!
HUFF
Actually, real princesses get spoiled even more.
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
KYAA!
WHAT IS THIS? SO CUTE--!!
GLOMP
THANK YOU!!!
TEE HEE!
WOW. YOU MOVE FAST, PRINCESS.
POP

OH...!
IF...IF YOU LIFT IT UP THAT MUCH...
MY UNDER-WEAR...
PULL
PULL

TWIRL
I'VE TRIED IT ON!
WELL?
IT LOOKS SO NICE ON YOU, PRINCESS!
!

GASP!
I'VE HEARD OF THIS BEFORE.
THE REASON MEN GIVE WOMEN CLOTHES--!
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY ...


OH NO! SIRE--!
WHIRL
SO WRONG WHIRL
IT'S TO TAKE THEM OFF...!!
THA-THUMP

PULL
PULL
KASUMI.
STAY STILL A MOMENT.
HUH?

He was so nervous buying it, he forgot to remove the tag.
THANK GOODNESS IT CAME OFF.
NO WAY!
BIG BROTHER!
FAINT
FWIP
PRICE TAG

HUH?!
HUH?!
ACTUALLY, I'M GOOD TO GO!
COME ON!
GRAB
NO... NO WAY. YOU CAN'T, BIG BROTHER!

SMOOCH
IT WAS VERY FUN.
THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL WHITE DAY!
SMOOCH
THERE. THAT'S YOUR REWARD!
HEE! JUST KIDDING!
WHAT SHOULD I DO? THEY'RE REALLY GETTING INTO THIS...
I WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS MONKEY SUIT.
I AM SO VERY HAPPY FOR YOUR KIND WORDS !!!
P...
PRIN-CESS !!!

Merman
in My Tub

オレん家のフロ事情

SPLISH
SPLISH
DON'T SCARE ME AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
JEEZ! STOP IT, TATSUMI!
WEL-COME HOME!
THA-THUMP
THA-THUMP

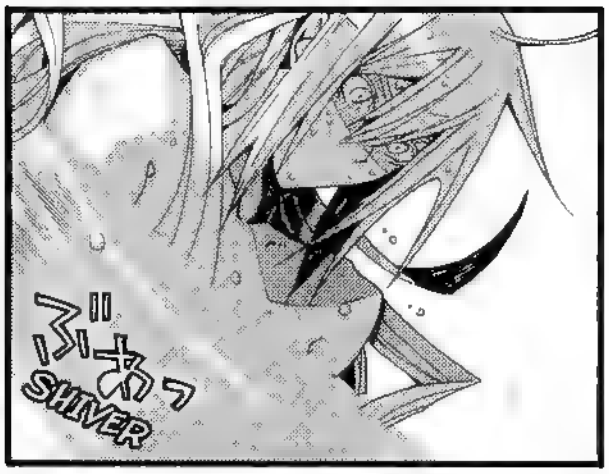
BLOOD-CURDLING!
HORRO STORY COLLECTI
"WHEN I WAS HOME ALONE, I HEARD CLATTERING ...
"BUT NO ONE ELSE WAS THERE.
"I SLOWLY AND GIN-GERLY PEEKED INTO THE BATH-ROOM" --

SILENCE...

CLATTER!
(SILENT SCREAM) !!!!

CHAPTER 19
A NIGHT ALL ALONE

YOU'RE THERE, AREN'T YOU...?
TA...
TATSUMI-SAN...? DON'T JOKE AROUND AND COME OUT...
SILENCE
I KNOW HE SAID HE'D BE OUT, BUT IT'S ALREADY ELEVEN AT NIGHT...
23:08
HE'S REALLY NOT HOME?
HUH?
WHA...
HE'S RUN AWAY FROM HOME...?!!
SCREW ALL THIS
IT CAN'T BE...!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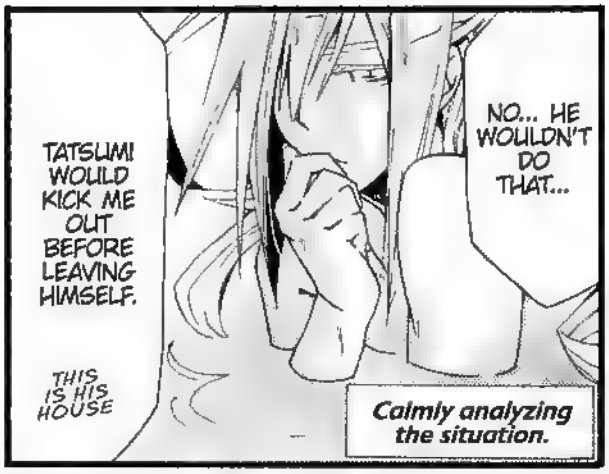
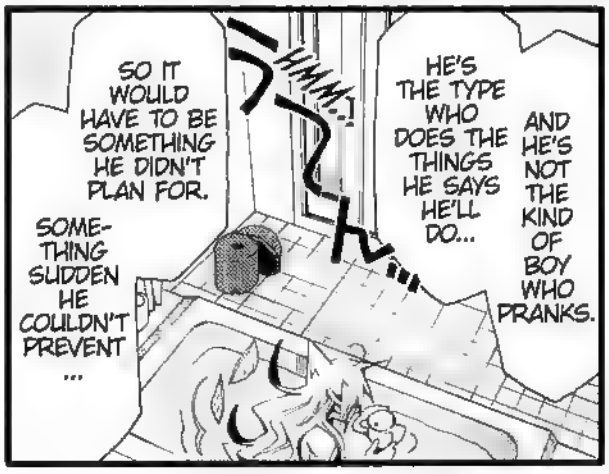
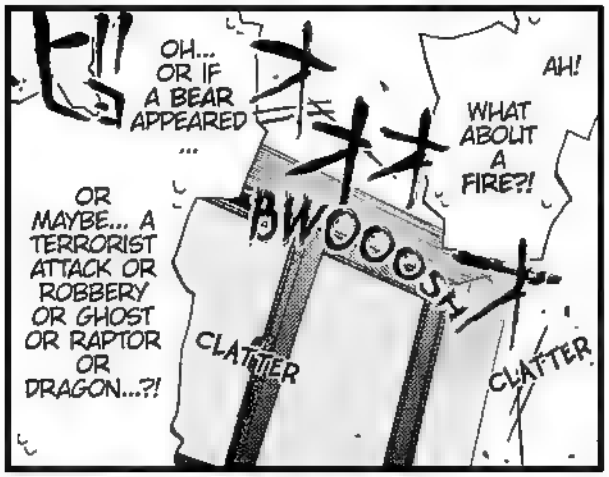
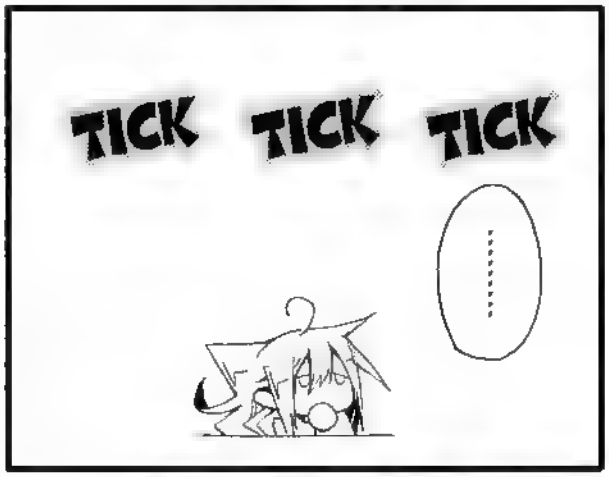
SHIVER


NO... HE WOULDN'T DO THAT...
TATSUMI WOULD KICK ME OUT BEFORE LEAVING HIMSELF.
THIS IS HIS HOUSE
Calmly analyzing the situation.

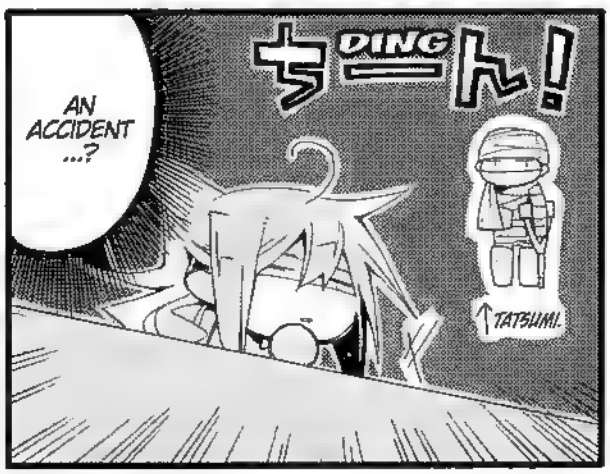
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
N...NO, NO!!
TATSUMI WOULD BE ABLE TO AVOID SOMETHING LIKE THAT WITH NO PROBLEM! PROBLY!!


HMM...
SO IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMETHING HE DIDN'T PLAN FOR.
SOMETHING SUDDEN HE COULDN'T PREVENT ...
HE'S THE TYPE WHO DOES THE THINGS HE SAYS HE'LL DO...
AND HE'S NOT THE KIND OF BOY WHO PRANKS.


OH... OR IF A BEAR APPEARED ...
AH! WHAT ABOUT A FIRE?!
OR MAYBE... A TERRORIST ATTACK OR ROBBERY OR GHOST OR RAPTOR OR DRAGON...?!
BWOOOSH
CLATTER
CLATTER

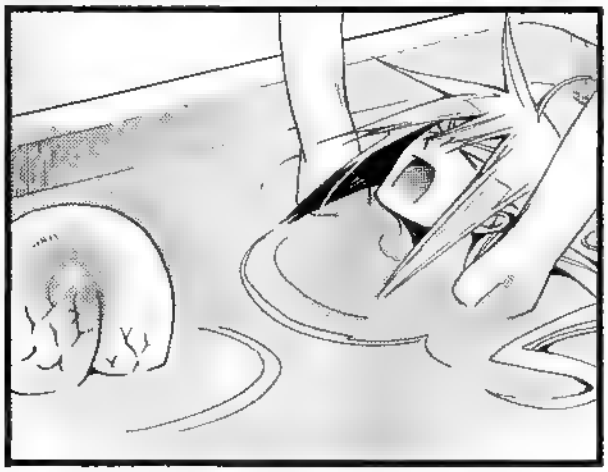

TICK TICK TICK
.....

COME.
COME.
ひぃぁぁ!!
EEEK!!
OR SOME CREATURE NOBODY'S EVEN THOUGHT OF...!!
TATSUMI MEETS A LOT OF WEIRD CREATURES. AFTER ALL!!
MERMAN.→


AN ACCIDENT ...?
ちーん!
DING
↑TATSUMI.

I'M HUNGRY AND TATSUMI ISN'T HOME!
JEEZ !!
WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU, TATSUMI ?!
SPLISH SPLISH SPLISH
ビチビチビチ

I'M HUNGRY.
GROOO



TATSUMI SAID THAT!
IF I REMEM-BER COR-RECTLY, RIGHT BEHIND THE DOOR--
"I MIGHT BE HOME LATE, SO I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU WITH A LITTLE EXTRA FOOD."

NO.
DOING THIS WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING.
I HAVE TO GET A HOLD OF HIM...

GA-
↓LEFTOVER TRASH
CHAK

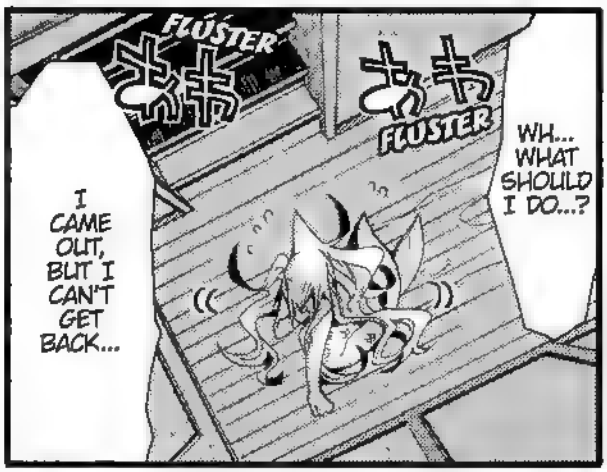
FLOP
.....
WHERE IS THE PHONE ...?

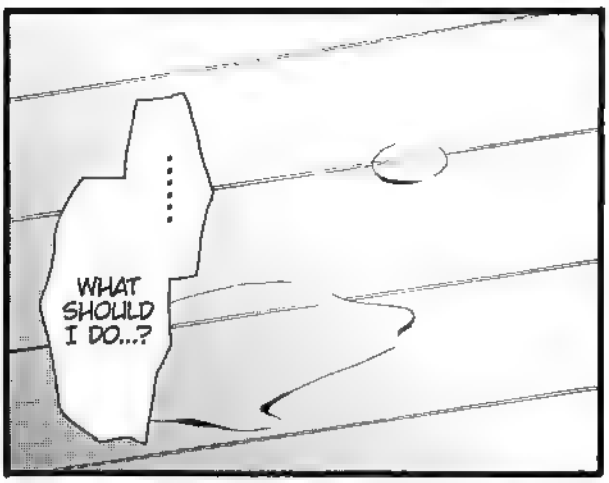
Earlier this after-noon.
I SHOULD EAT IT ALL! IT'S THE FOOD'S FAULT, FOR LOOKING DELICIOUS!
HE SAID THAT, BUT I'M SURE HE'LL BE BACK RIGHT AWAY!
.....

TEE HEE
SILLY ME.
LILI FU FU...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE A PHONE!

Wakasa read that in a comic strip once.
TEE HEE! I'M UNREALISTIC
HUH ?! IT'S NOT THERE!!
AREN'T HOUSE PHONES ALWAYS IN HALLWAYS?!

CLATTER
FLINCH
FLINCH
CREAK
CREAK
CLATTER


FLUSTER
FLUSTER
I CAME OUT, BUT I CAN'T GET BACK...
WH... WHAT SHOULD I DO...?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WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

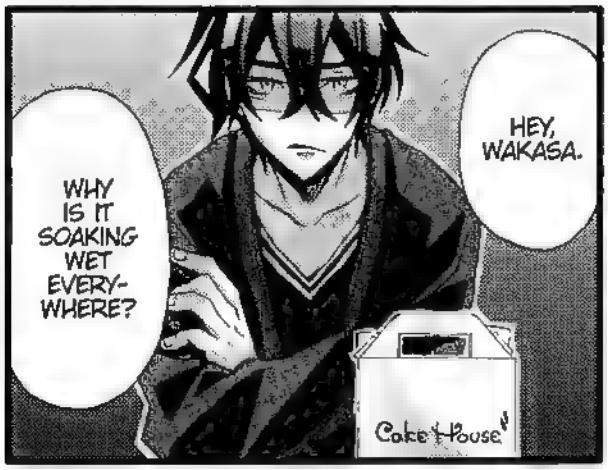
WHUNK!

I'VE GONE COMPLETELY SPINELESS AND CAN'T MOVE...
W-WILL IT DRY UP HERE?
FLOP

OUCH
.....!

SNIFF...
TA... TSUMI...
IS HE ALL RIGHT...?
I'M LONELY HERE BY MYSELF...
HURRY HOME...

どばっ
TEAR


HEY, WAKASA.
WHY IS IT SOAKING WET EVERY-WHERE?
Cake House

ACCI-DENT...!
CLATTER-ING...
SOB
TATSU ...
PHONE ...
I GOT IT.
YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME. BUT I'M FINE.
CALM DOWN

BLINK
TATSUMI ....?
AND WHY WERE YOU ALL DRIED UP IN THE HALLWAY?
IT SUR-PRISED ME, YOU KNOW?!
WAIT PATIENTLY IF YOU'RE HUNGRY. HERE. I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING.

THANK GOOD-NESS!!
DID YOU HEAR HOW STRONG THE WIND WAS TODAY?
THE TRAINS STOPPED AND I WAS STUCK INSIDE FOR A WHILE.
SO YOU'RE NOT INJURED ?!
GRAB
カバレフ

SQUEEZE
ぎゅう
GKKK !
TOO TIGHT ...!

TOUCH
TOUCH
TOUCH
I COULD TELL YOU, BUT CLEARLY YOU WANT TO SEE FOR YOUR-SELF.
YOU'RE NOT KIDNAPPED BY ALIENS?!
YOU'RE NOT DEAD ?!

SWAY
SWAY
HEY...?
YOU DON'T WANT YOUR GIFT?
YOU REALLY OKAY?

LIKE I SAID, I BROUGHT A GIFT.
AAH!
BUT NOW, I'LL ONLY GIVE YOU THIS ON ONE CONDITION.
HUH ?!
STOP CRYING, ALREADY.
I CAME HOME, DIDN'T I?
SNIFF
YEAH...
GOOD FOR YOU. GOOD YOU COULD GET HOME.
SNIFF
WHY ARE YOU TALKING LIKE I'M A STRANGER?
EVEN IF YOU'RE WORRIED, DON'T GET OUT OF THE BATH.
IF YOU CAN'T PROMISE THAT, I WON'T GIVE THIS TO YOU.
I DEFINITELY PROMISE!
OKAY, GOOD.
I UNDERSTAND THAT IT CAN BE SCARY.
MY GRANDPA USED TO TELL ME HOW THIS PLACE COULD RATTLE--
CLATTER
CLATTERRR
KYAA!
STOP, TATSUMI!!
I HAD JUST FORGOTTEN THAT!!

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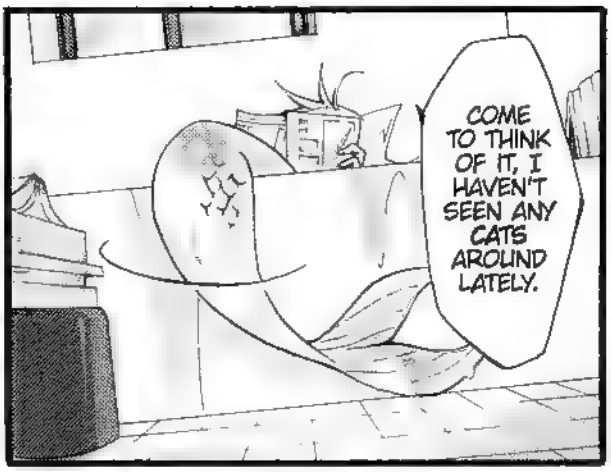
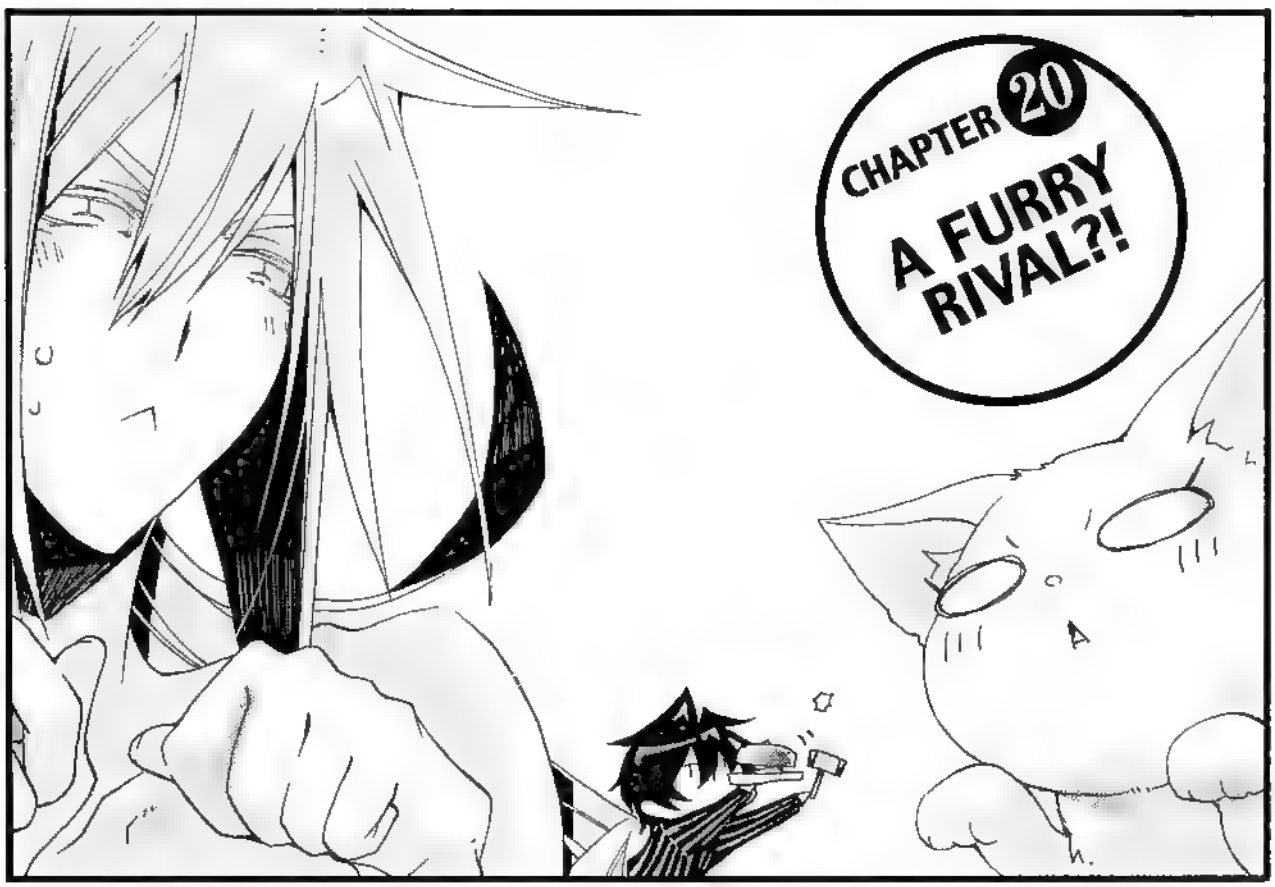
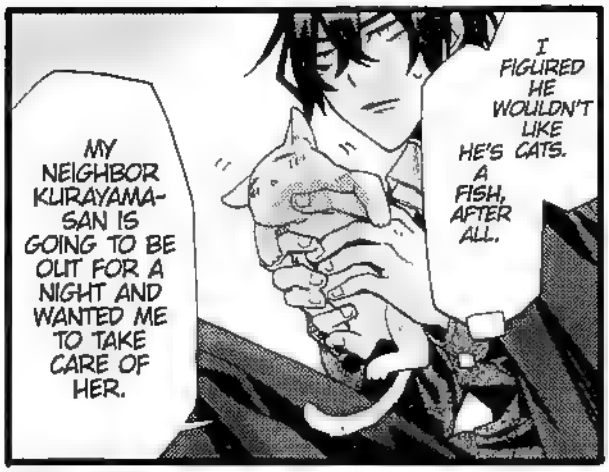
MEOOOW!!


COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY CATS AROUND LATELY.

MEOW!?

CAT SNAPSHOTS
WARMTH TO THE HEART
BLEH!
GOOD! NOW I CAN PRETEND CATS DON'T EVEN EXIST!
YEAH! YEAH!!
OH! THAT'S BECAUSE I LIVE IN A TUB NOW. OF COURSE! ★

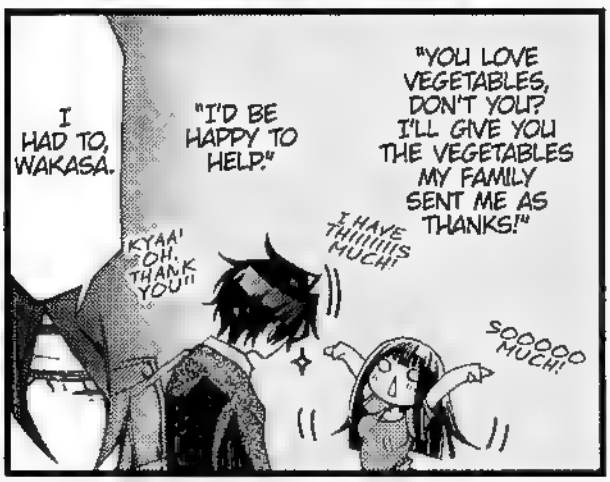

CHAPTER 20
A FURRY RIVAL?!

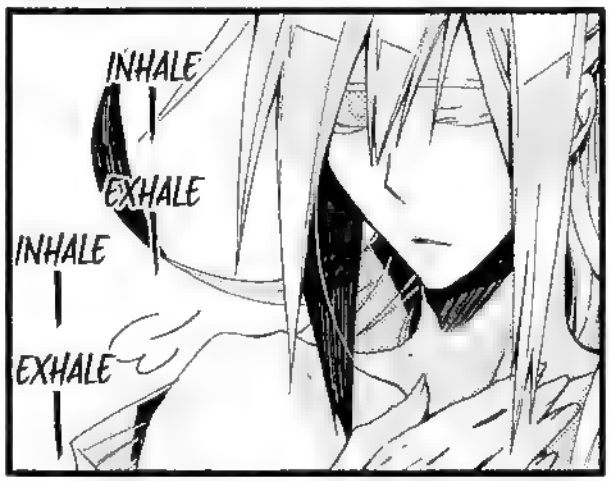

I FIGURED HE WOULDN'T LIKE CATS. A FISH, AFTER ALL.
MY NEIGHBOR KURAYAMA-SAN IS GOING TO BE OUT FOR A NIGHT AND WANTED ME TO TAKE CARE OF HER.

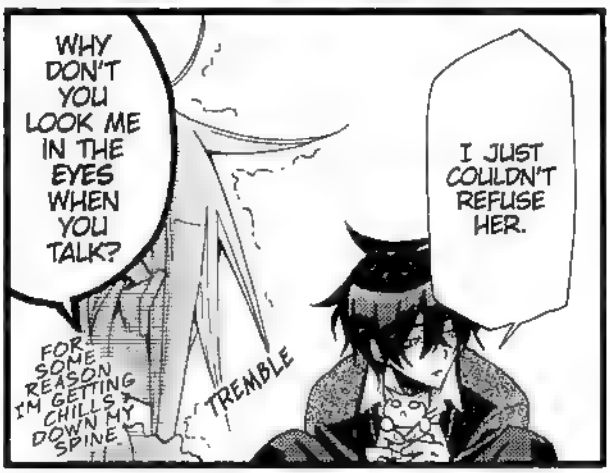
HEY. DON'T SUDDENLY RUN OFF, MEEKO-SAN.
I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY ALL I REALLY WAS TRYING TO DO WAS SOFTLY PEAK CATS SHOULDN'T EXIST
MEW

I TOLD HER I COULDN'T, BUT...
"PLEASE?! YOU LIVE ALONE RIGHT NOW, DON'T YOU?!"
"WELL... YEAH..."
..."SHE CRIES ALL NIGHT IF SHE'S LEFT BY HERSELF. SHE HATES BEING ALL ALONE!"

SORRY. CALM DOWN, I'LL GRAB HER.
NOT THAT I CARE! TEE HEE!
WH-WHY IS THERE A C-C-CAT H-H-HERE?!
T-T-T-TATSUMI ...?!


I HAD TO, WAKASA.
"I'D BE HAPPY TO HELP."
"YOU LOVE VEGETABLES, DON'T YOU? I'LL GIVE YOU THE VEGETABLES MY FAMILY SENT ME AS THANKS!"
KYAA! OH. THANK YOU!!
I HAVE THIIIIIS MUCH!
SOOOOO MUCH!


INHALE
EXHALE
INHALE
EXHALE


I JUST COULDN'T REFUSE HER.
WHY DON'T YOU LOOK ME IN THE EYES WHEN YOU TALK?
FOR SOME REASON I'M GETTING CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE.
TREMBLE

TOTALLY IN THE CORNER
SO...?
WHY IS IT HERE?

LISTEN, MEEKO. WAKASA IS NOT A FISH.
YOU CAN'T EAT HIM.
CAN YOU GET ALONG WITH HIM?
WHEW...
LARGE OR SMALL, A CAT IS A CAT!!
10KG (25lbs.) HEAVYWEIGHT
1kg (2.5lbs) LIGHTWEIGHT
THEY ARE THE ENEMY!!
MEW
I'D UNDERSTAND IF SHE WAS TEN KILOGRAMS...
YOU'RE SCARED? YOU KNOW SHE'S TINY, RIGHT?
MEOWWW
SEE? SHE SAYS SHE CAN GET ALONG.
LIFT
SPLASH
SPLASH
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
NEVER TRUST A FISH-EATER!!!

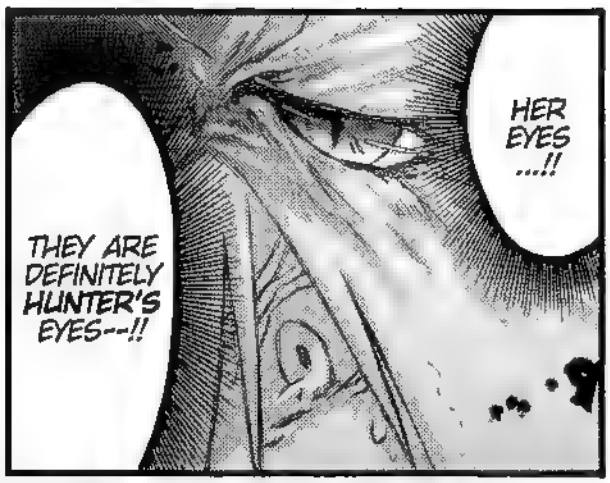
M...
ME, TOO...
UM
I'LL OPEN A CAN FOR YOU
ARE YOU HUNGRY, MEEKO-SAN?
MEOW...
MEOOOW...
SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH

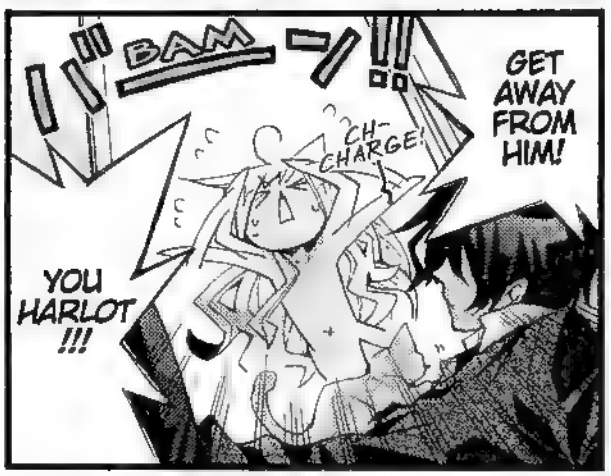
S...SORRY. I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE...!
WHISPER
WHISPER
SHE'S SHAKING WITH FEAR.
MEW...
MEW

SIP
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUSH, NO ONE WILL TAKE IT FROM YOU.
OH... IT SPILLED ...
KA-!
CLATTER!
WATER BOWL. WATER BOWL... HEY.
↑ Gift received.

HEH.
I'LL TAKE HER OVER THERE.

HEY... DON'T LICK ME...
YOUR TONGUE IS ROUGH AND IT TICKLES...!


HER EYES ...!!
THEY ARE DEFINITELY HUNTER'S EYES--!!


BAM
CH-CHARGE!
GET AWAY FROM HIM!
YOU HARLOT !!!

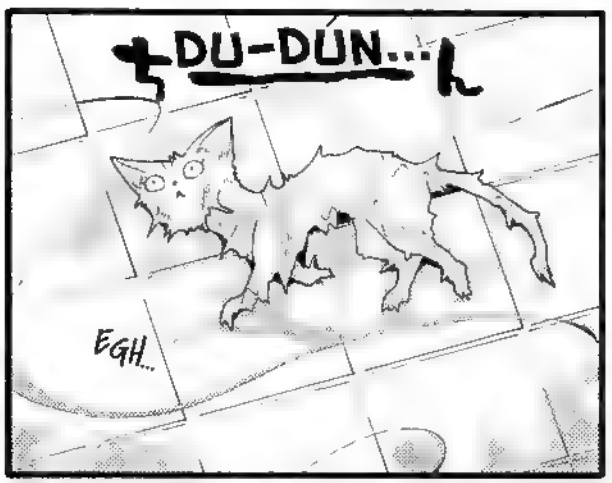
KA-CHUNK
She's just a little girl, after all. ★
TATSUMI, RUUU-UUUN !!!
PURR PUURR~♪

MEEKO ?!
"LEAVE OUR LOVE ALONE! YOU STUBBORN OLD MAN!!"
That is what she seems to be saying.
I--!
I'M SORRY!
MEOW?!

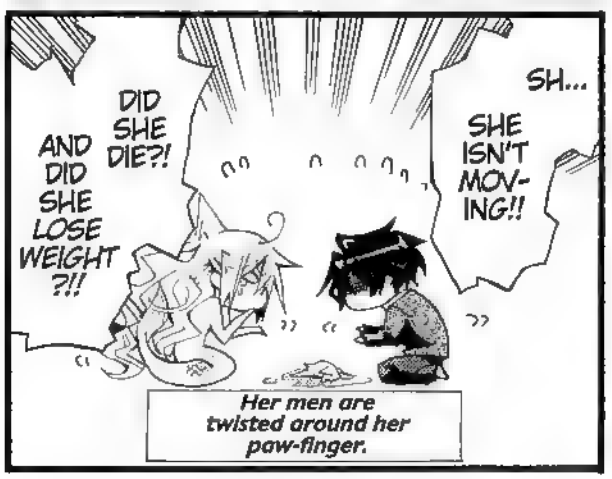
I WON'T LET THE TWO OF YOU BE ALONE !!
I HEARD THAT GIRLS TAKE THINGS PRETTY FAR THESE DAYS!!
YOU STAY HERE!!
ORIG

SPLOSH
SLIP

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I WAS ASKED TO SLEEP WITH HER TONIGHT.


DU-DUN...
EGH...

I WILL!
DEFI-NITELY!
NOT! ALLOW! SUCH A THING!!


SH...
SHE ISN'T MOV-ING!!
DID SHE DIE?!
AND DID SHE LOSE WEIGHT ?!!
Her men are twisted around her paw-finger.

NAG NAG
EVEN MY FATHER HAS NEVER SAID THIS TO ME.
SLAP
IF YOU WANT TO BE A MAN, MAKE THE RESPON-SIBLE CHOICE...
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO BE SLEEPING WITH A WOMAN !!
SLAP
TINGLE TINGLE
NAG

I WAS BEING AN OVER-PROTECTIVE BULLY...!
I'M SO SORRY, MEEKO-SAN!
FLUFF
FLUFF
FLUFF
ARE...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
LICK
WAKASA, DON'T STOP MOVING YOUR HANDS.
FOR NOW, MAKE SURE YOU DRY HER PROPERLY.
YEAH...
YEAH...
HUH??
HUH?
PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT
WHEW
SHE'S BACK

I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY OTHER HIGH SCHOOL KIDS WHO SLEEP IN THE BATHROOM AS MUCH AS I DO.
MY BACK ALWAYS ENDS UP REALLY SORE THE NEXT DAY.
ZZZ...
TEE HEE!
SHE'S ALREADY ASLEEP.
SHE'S STILL JUST A CHILD

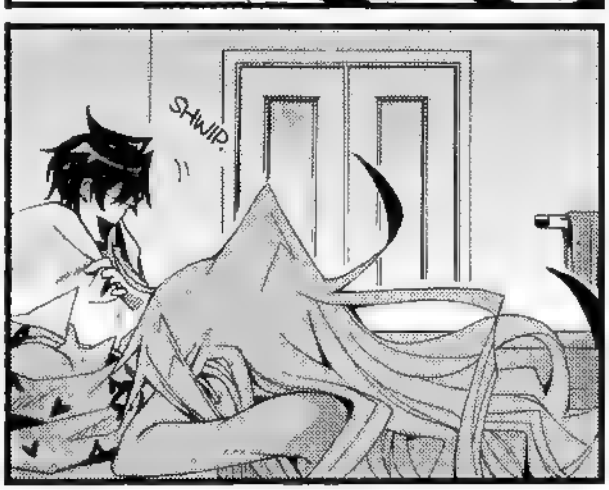
I SUDDENLY FEEL SO EXHAUSTED... I JUST WANT TO GO TO SLEEP...
TAP TAP TAP
WHERE ARE YOU GOING? IT'S DANGEROUS.

COME ON, WAKA-SA...
MM ...?
YOU GO UNDER-WATER WHEN YOU SLEEP, RIGHT?

GLANCE
GLANCE

ZZZ...
DROOP

PAT なでしっ
DROOP
PAT なでしっ


SHWIP

.....
HUH?

THE NEXT DAY...
MEEKO SUCCESSFULLY RETURNED HOME.
COME ON, STOP CRYING.
I TOLD YOU SHE WAS ONLY HERE FOR THE NIGHT.
SNRRK!
YEAH...
BUT IT'S STILL LONELY.

THAT'S NOT CAT-HATER TALK, NOW IS IT?
LET'S JUST SAY...
I'M GLAD YOU OVERCAME YOUR FEAR.

NOW, LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN OVERCOME YOUR DISTASTE OF VEGETABLES.
VEGETABLES!
STUFFED
STUFFED

People (and mermen) can overcome many challenges!
NO...
UM...!
HUH...?
AS EXPECTED OF KURAYAMA-SAN. SHE'S REALLY GENEROUS FOR GIVING US SO MUCH.

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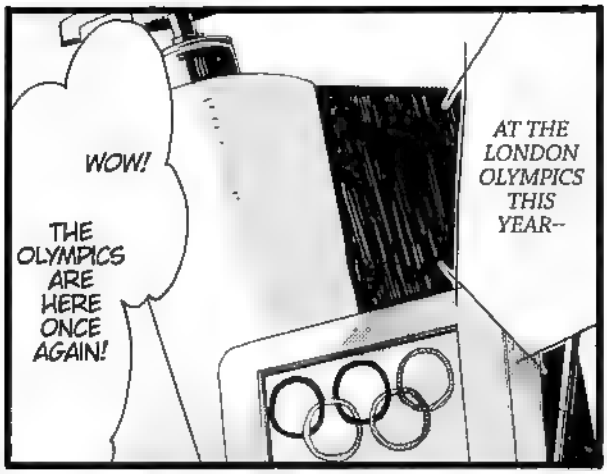
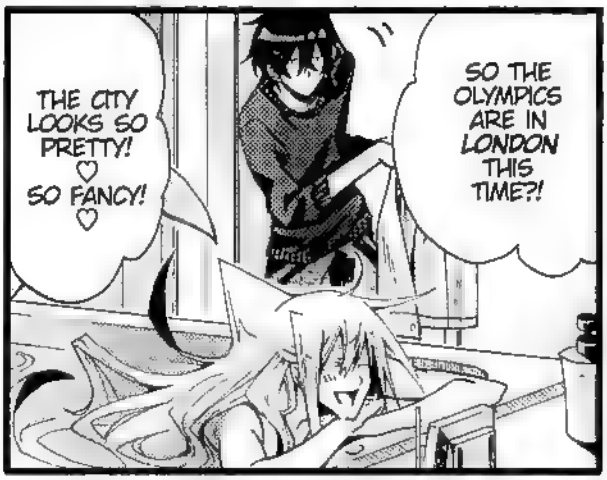
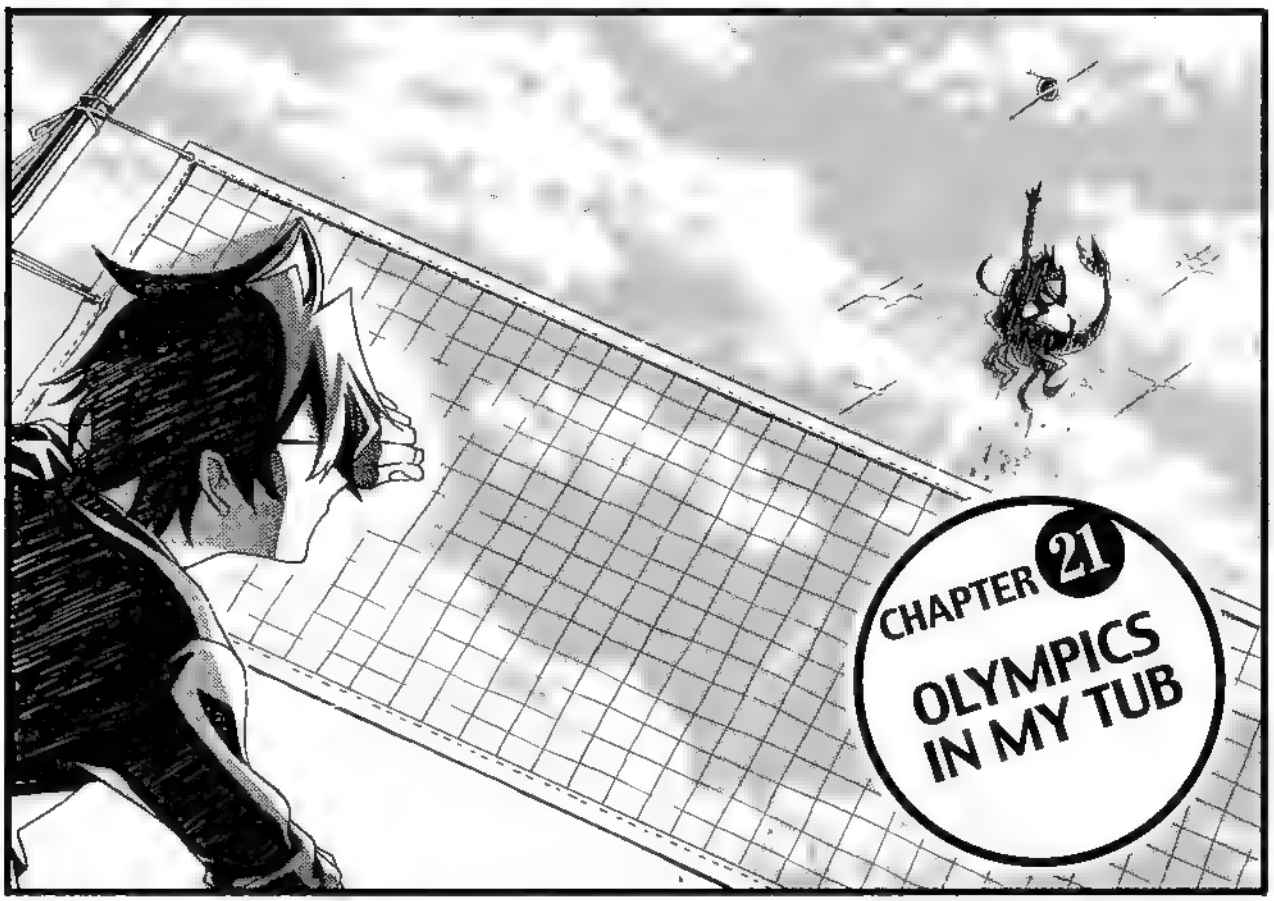
BUT I LIKED THE AMSTERDAM OLYMPICS BETTER!
CANALS ARE WONDERFUL THINGS


AT THE LONDON OLYMPICS THIS YEAR--
WOW!
THE OLYMPICS ARE HERE ONCE AGAIN!

"AMSTERDAM"? HUH...?
PLIP
PLEASE FORGET WHAT I SAID, TATSUMI
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING. NOPE.
NO...!
THE AMSTERDAM OLYMPICS WERE IN 1928

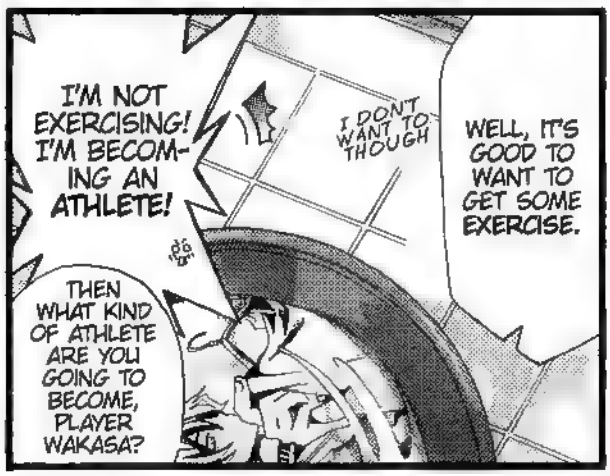

THE CITY LOOKS SO PRETTY! ♡ SO FANCY! ♡
SO THE OLYMPICS ARE IN LONDON THIS TIME?!


CHAPTER 21
OLYMPICS IN MY TUB

I THINK THERE ARE SPORTS THAT ARE... BETTER SUITED FOR YOU.
SWIMMING OR EVEN SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING.
YOU'D BE A COMPLETE NATURAL!
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN SOCCER.

SO, I'D LIKE TO PLAY SOME SPORTS, TOO!
HE CHANGED THE SUBJECT AWAY FROM HIS AGE, AS USUAL.
SPLAAASH!!!

THEN PLEASE TELL ME YOUR REASON FOR TRYING TO OVERCOME YOUR HANDICAP IN ORDER TO PLAY!
He's gotten a bit into it.
TOWEL


I'M NOT EXERCISING! I'M BECOMING AN ATHLETE!
I DON'T WANT TO THOUGH
WELL, IT'S GOOD TO WANT TO GET SOME EXERCISE.
THEN WHAT KIND OF ATHLETE ARE YOU GOING TO BECOME, PLAYER WAKASA?

SOCCER PLAYERS ARE POPULAR!

SOCCER!

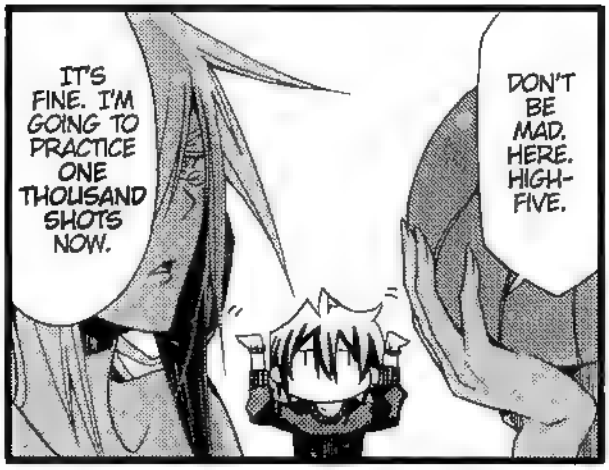
SPLASH SPLASH
ALL BOYS DREAM OF BEING POPULAR WITH GIRLS! ♡♡
AND A LOT OF PEOPLE PLAY SPORTS BECAUSE OF THAT, BUT...!
IT'S TRUE THAT SOCCER PLAYERS ARE POPULAR...

WHY DOES HE SET HIMSELF UP LIKE THAT?
SQUEEZE

TONK
TONK
TONK
AH!
OH!
UGH!
H...
HEAD-ING?!
THIS IS CALLED HEADING RIGHT?!
SOCCER IS THE SPORT OF MAN!
A CLEAN SOC-CER BALL!!
WELL.
I WAS FORCED TO COMPLY WITH MY GRAND-FATHER IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF IT.
TOSS
OFFENSE! DEFENSE!
I CAN'T TOUCH IT WITH MY HANDS, RIGHT?!
HUH?! WAIT ...!
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY IN BAS-KETBALL.

ORRF! ORRF!
YEAH. THAT'S SOME GOOD HEADING SKILLS.

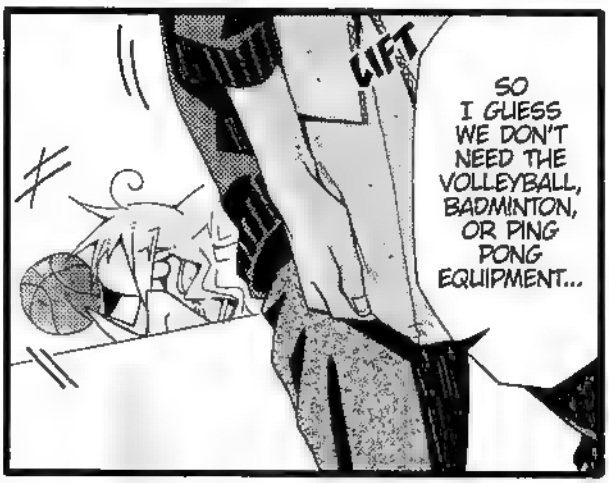
I THOUGHT SO.
I'D BE SCARED IF YOU HAD
BASKET-BALL, HUH?! I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE, EITHER!
YEAH.
NOSTALGIC
KICKING A BALL IS TOO HARD.
BUT...YOU CAN'T PLAY SOCCER ONLY BY HEADING.
THRILLING!!
NOW FOR MY FIRST SHOT.
A ONE-HIT ATTACK, SLAAAAM DU--
I WAS HOPING THAT I WOULD SOMEHOW BE ABLE TO DO IT IF I TRIED...
OH, SO HE KNEW IT HIM-SELF.
OH!
LINK ?!
SLIP
SPLOSH
WHAM!
HERE I GO!!!
I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO A SLIDING KICK, THOUGH --!
GRIP
THAT SURPRISED ME
DUNKS ARE NOT ALLOWED !!
STICK TO FREE THROWS !!
EMPTY
TATSUMI, YOU WANTED TO PLAY BASKET-BALL?!
NO!!
YOUR SCALES ARE TEARING UP THE FLOOR!
JUST SAY SO!
SLIDE


DON'T BE MAD. HERE. HIGH-FIVE.
IT'S FINE. I'M GOING TO PRACTICE ONE THOUSAND SHOTS NOW.

FREE THROW...
THE LEFT HAND IS SUPER-FLUOUS, ISN'T IT?
NO.

SHWIP
SHWIP
SHWIP

CLANG
SHWIP
CLUNK
SHWIP
CLANG
I...
I KNOW !!
IT'S PRETTY LOUD...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SO I GUESS WE DON'T NEED THE VOLLEYBALL, BADMINTON, OR PING PONG EQUIPMENT...

IT WENT IN!!
HIGH FIVE, TATSUMI! HIGH FIVE!!

STARE
I WANT TO DO THOSE, TOO!
DROP

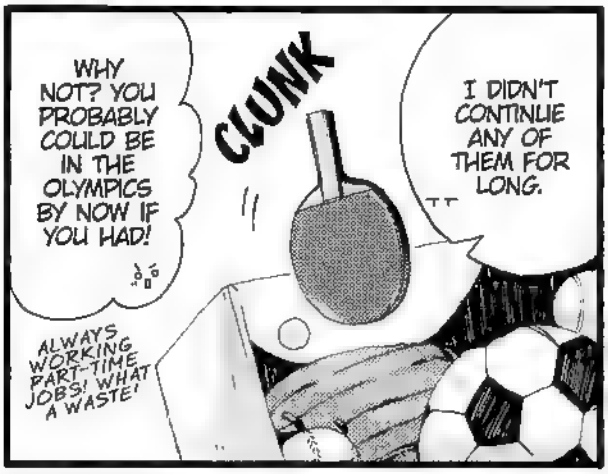
OH.
WAIT.
GLOVES GLOVES
FWUP
SPLOSH

ATHLETIC ...?
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'M ALL SHINY!
I'M VERY ATHLETIC TODAY!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
FOR A BEGINNER... DON'T YOU THINK I'M PRETTY GOOD?!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
TO BE ABLE TO DO SPORTS... IN THE TUB... TIMES HAVE REALLY CHANGED!
HUH?
SORRY.
WHEEZE
AND GO A LITTLE EASIER ON ME!
SHAKE
HUFF
TATSUMI! YOU'RE LIKE A PARROT!!

WELL, SPORTS ARE FUN TO PLAY AND WATCH.
BUT EVERY-BODY'S DIFFERENT.
THAT'S RIGHT.

WHEN I WAS YOUNG, MY GRANDPA (AND SOME-TIMES MY DAD) MADE ME PLAY A LOT OF SPORTS.

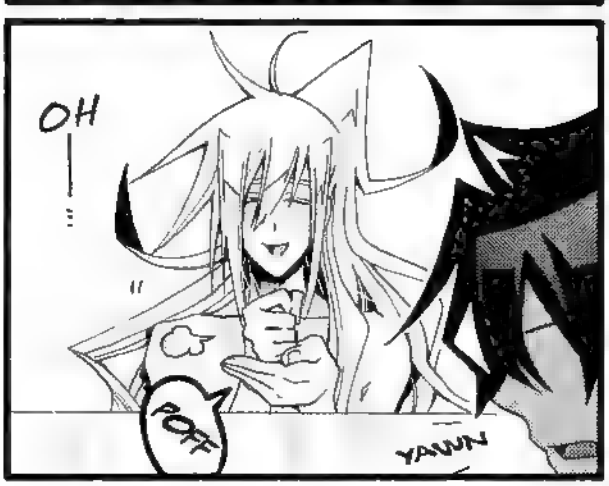
I DIDN'T HATE PLAYING, THOUGH.
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU'RE MOTIVATED, BUT YOUR BODY JUST CAN'T KEEP UP.


I DIDN'T CONTINUE ANY OF THEM FOR LONG.
CLUNK
WHY NOT? YOU PROBABLY COULD BE IN THE OLYMPICS BY NOW IF YOU HAD!
ALWAYS WORKING PART-TIME JOBS! WHAT A WASTE!

TATSUMI, YOU LACK THAT SOMEWHAT.
ACTUALLY, A LOT
I SEE I SEE
GROWL
OH
MY STOM-ACH GROWL-ED.
IT'S ALREADY TIME FOR DINNER.
I'LL GO MAKE SOME

I WAS ALWAYS LEFT BEHIND BY THE OTHERS.
GO FOR-WARD!
JUMP!
GO--! GET IT!
THAT SIDE IS COM-PLETELY OPEN!
OF-FENSE! OF-FENSE!
COME ON!
YEAHHH!!
WE'RE GONNA WIN!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

THE STATE OF HUNGER!
YOU CAN JUST SAY "HUNGER."
GROWL
GROWL
YOUR STOMACH IS GROWLING TOO


OH
POF
YAWN

MUNCH
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE YOUR VEGETABLES, HAND THEM OVER.
MUNCH
YEAH!
MUNCH
MUNCH
OH, TATSUMI.
CAN I HAVE SOME OF THAT SALTED MEAT?
MM.
I'M REALLY HUNGRY, TOO.
HUNGRIER THAN I'VE BEEN FOR A LONG TIME.
WELL, WE MOVED AROUND A LOT.
WHEW!
FOOD TASTES SO GOOD TODAY.
SECONDS!
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
WE SHOULD TAKE IT EASIER IN SPORTS FROM NOW ON!
THIS... IS NOT GOOD FOR OUR FINANCES.

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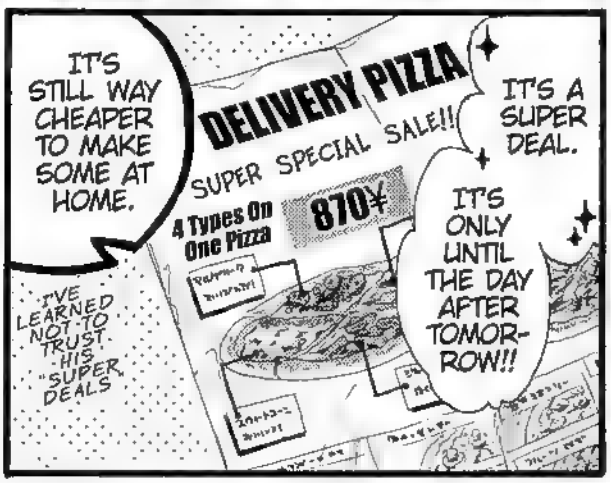
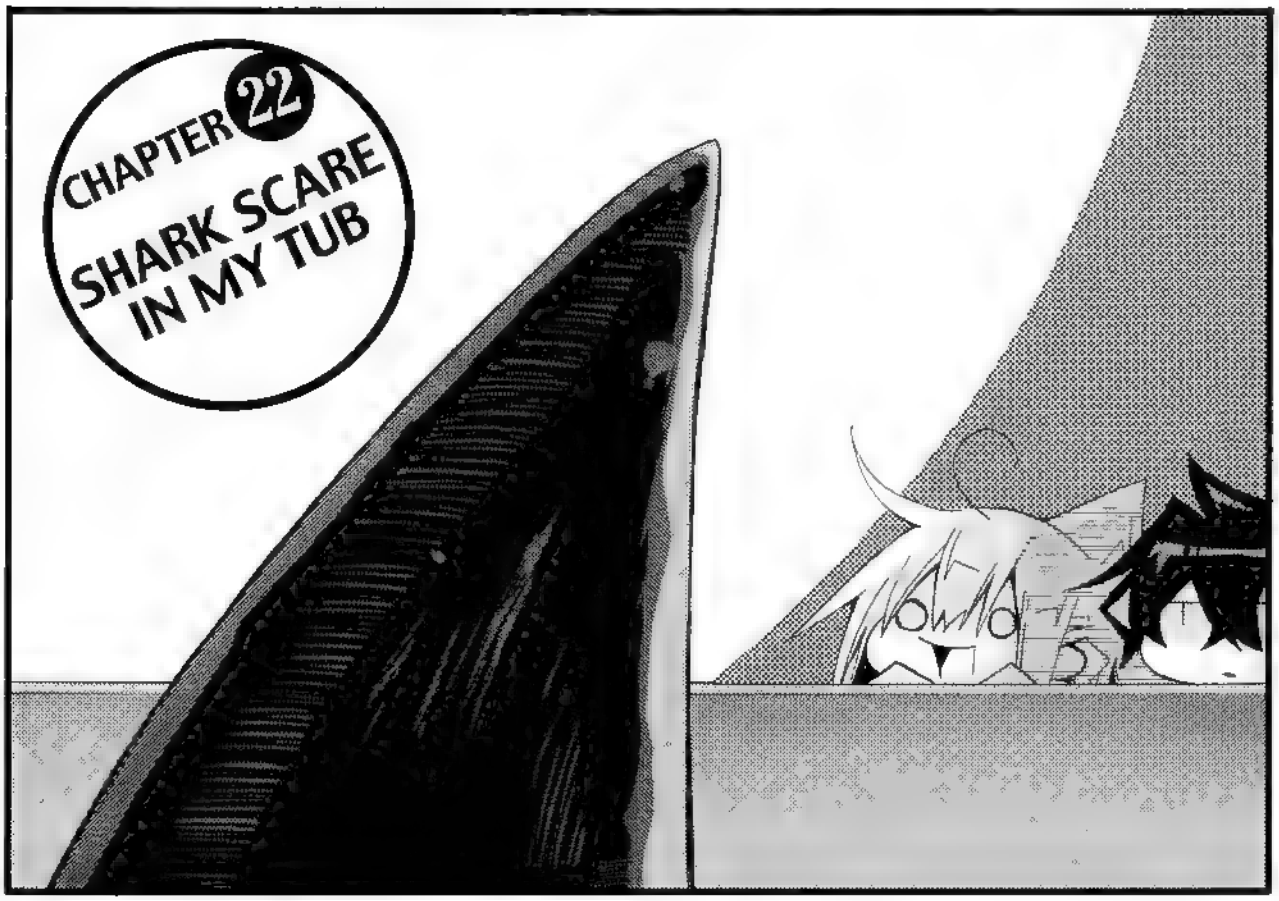
ALL RIGHT, WE'LL DO THAT INSTEAD OF THE ITALIAN-STYLE HAMBURGER STEAK I WAS PLANNING.
THAT'S AMAZING!
WHAT ?!
THIS ONE PIZZA HAS FOUR DIFFERENT FLAVORS!!

HM?
HE'S READING SOMETHING OTHER THAN THE TV GUIDE
HEY, TATSUMI! LOOK AT THIS FLYER!

HAMBURGER STEAK >>> (AN IMPASSABLE WALL) >>> PIZZA
SPLISH
I'M IMPRESSED THAT IN THE BUD!
HEY, NO! HAMBURGER STEAK IS ALWAYS BEST!!

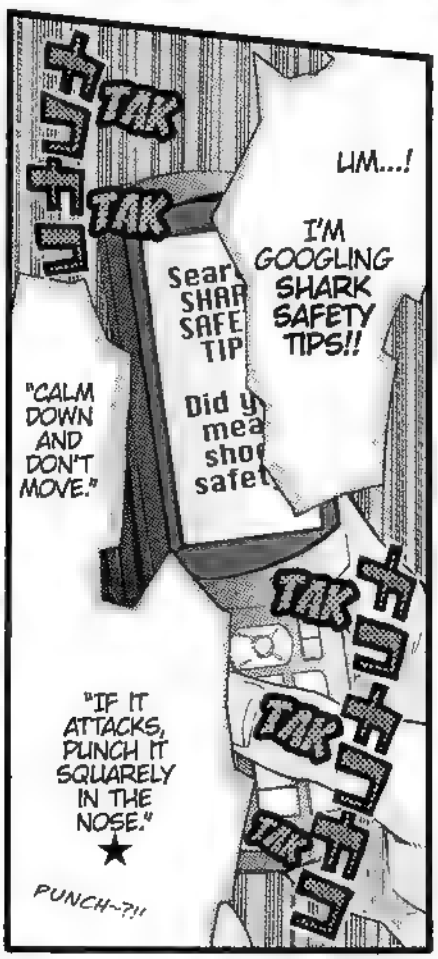

IT'S STILL WAY CHEAPER TO MAKE SOME AT HOME.
I'VE LEARNED NOT TO TRUST HIS "SUPER DEALS"
DELIVERY PIZZA
SUPER SPECIAL SALE!!
4 Types On One Pizza
870¥
IT'S A SUPER DEAL.
IT'S ONLY UNTIL THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW!!


CHAPTER 22
SHARK SCARE IN MY TUB

HEEEK!
WAAAH!!
I... I'M SO SCARED!
I'M FROZEN WITH FEAR!
SCARED ...?
OF WHA--?
COME HERE!!
NO
TA...
TAT-SUMI --!!
WHAT? WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?
SHHI——
SHARK ...?!
RECOIL

I WASHED UP AND WAS ABOUT TO GET IN AGAIN --!!
I DON'T KNOW !!
FURTHEST DISTANCE POSSIBLE.
A SHARK IN MY TUB?!
WHY A SHARK?!

GROAN
GRUMBLE


TAK
TAK
UM...!
I'M GOOGLING SHARK SAFETY TIPS!!
"CALM DOWN AND DON'T MOVE."
"IF IT ATTACKS, PUNCH IT SQUARELY IN THE NOSE."
PUNCH~?!!

HUH?! ANIMAL CONTROL?!
WE SHOULD CALL ANIMAL CONTROL.
NO WAY! THEY'LL TAKE ME AWAY TOO!!
MAYBE...
COME TO THINK OF IT...
I HEARD ON THE NEWS ONCE ABOUT A CROCODILE THAT APPEARED IN SOMEONE'S TUB...
TO THINK WE'D GET A SHARK.
SUCH A SCARY WORLD
WHY ARE YOU SO TALKING SO THOUGHTFULLY?!
SHINK
BUT IF NOT THEM, WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT.
TOSS TOSS TOSS TOSS TOSS
OPERATION: STUFFED FISH IS GO!
BY FEEDING IT THINGS THAT AREN'T US.
THANK-GOODNESS IT'S IN THE TUB!
SPLOSH
SPLOSH
TOSS TOSS TOSS TOSS TOSS
ポイポイポイポイポイポイ
ギーズ!

BUM BABABA
BA
BUM
BABABA
BA
BUM
BABABA
BUM
BABA
IT'S GOTTEN FASTER!! THE JAWS THEME CLIMAX!!
BUUUM

Ten minutes later.
FROZEN FOOD...
WAIT, WE HAVE NONE!!
AT A TIME LIKE THIS!!
BUM BUM
UGH...
THE FRIDGE IS ALREADY EMPTY.
SO FAST!

BUM BUM BUM BUM
NO NEED TO INCREASE THE PRESSURE!!
I'M STARTING TO HEAR DANGEROUS BACKGROUND MUSIC!!
BUM BUM

BUM BUM BUM BUM
ROLL
ALL I HAVE LEFT IS THE HAMBURGER STEAK BASE...
THIS IS REALLY THE LAST...!
ROLL
MY DINNER.
→ He put a lot of effort into making extra to save for next time.

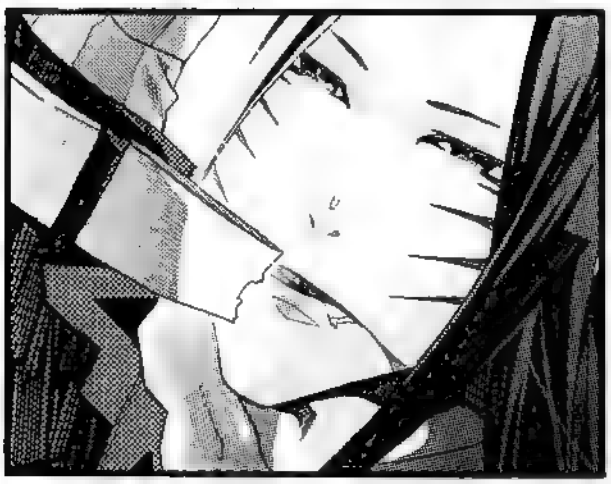
TA...
TATSU-MI...?
YEAH...
WE SHOULD GET AWAY FOR NOW.
SP-
LOSH
A...
YAAAY!
AGARI-SENPAI!!!
WHEW!
HE KNOWS HIM.
WOW! LONG TIME NO SEE!!
I WAS WONDER-ING WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!
SHAKE SHAKE
EVEN THOUGH YOU FORGOT HE EXISTED AND TREATED HIM LIKE A SHARK.
OLDER THAN WAKASA, HM...?
WELL, YOU ARE THE TOP OF THE FISH WORLD.
ON THE FOOD CHAIN
THAT'S RIGHT!
JAWS, SHARK TALE, SHARK-NADO.
AND THE SHARK AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS JAPAN!
IT'S RUMORED THAT THEY WERE ALL BASED OFF OF AGARI-SENPAI!
HE'S AMAZING!
THAT WOULD MAKE HIM PRETTY FAMOUS ALL RIGHT.
WHAT ?!
FLINCH
RUMBLE

ひいっ
HEEK!
SHWIP
!!!
HEEK! ひいい

STARE
SO THAT WAS THE SOUND OF HIS STOMACH.
IT SOUNDS LIKE A THREATENING VIOLIN.
HUH~?! YOU'RE STILL HUNGRY ?!
PLEASE DON'T EAT TOO MUCH, SENPAI ...!
ひいい HEEK!

CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP

WIGGLE WIGGLE
SHIVER!
REAL SHARK SKIN...
IT'S ALL I HAVE LEFT.
HAVE SOME OF THIS HAMBURGER STEAK BASE.



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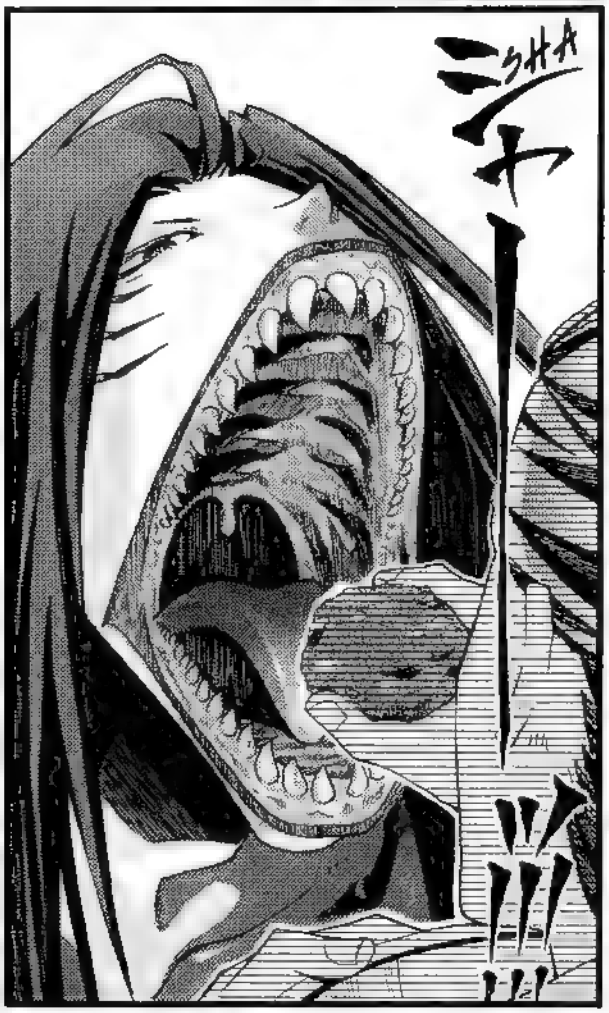
ニヤァ
!!!

DROP

?!
WHY?!
脱兎!!
RETREAT!!
Sharks hate stripes.
↓
HE FLOP-PED AWAY --?!
HE BIT MY BELT OFF...
THAT'LL MAKE THINGS AWKWARD AT SCHOOL TOMOR-ROW.

CRAP. I'M HUNGRY BUT WE HAVE NOTHING LEFT
GROWL
THAT PERSON DID HE JUST COME HERE TO EAT ALL OUR FOOD?
IN THE END...
WE HAD PIZZA.
I THINK I'LL ONLY FEED WAKASA OKRA FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS
DELICIOUS!
TATSUMI'S LOWER HALF DEFEATED THE SHARK...
WHICH MADE HIM A HERO TO THE FISH COMMUNITY.
THANK YOU, SENPAI~!
ヒレ
SPLISH

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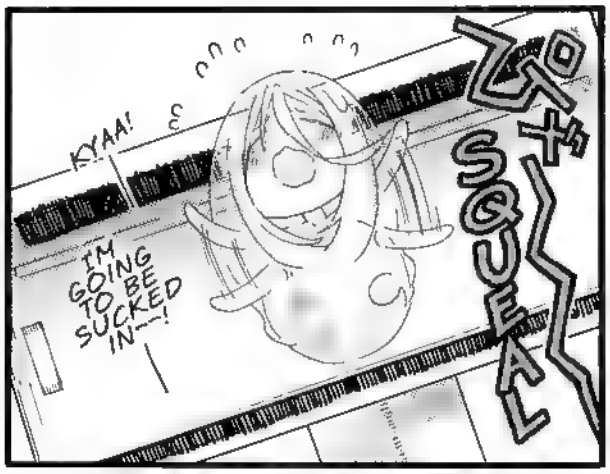
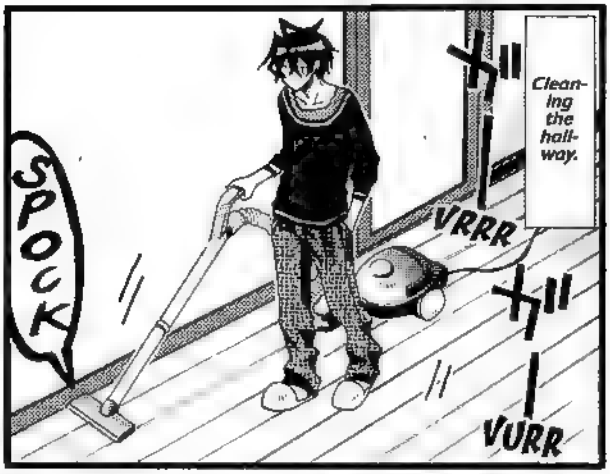
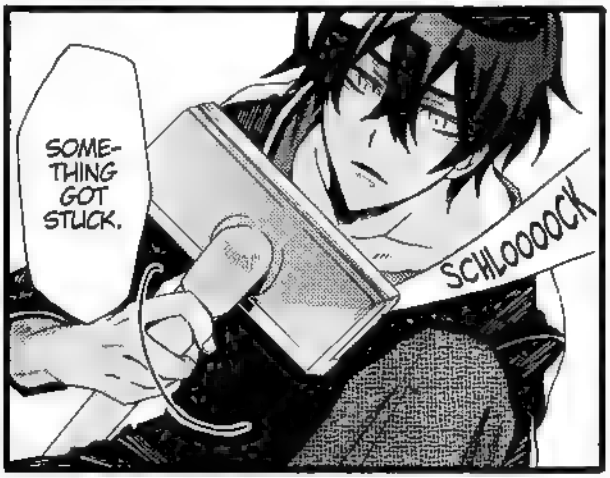
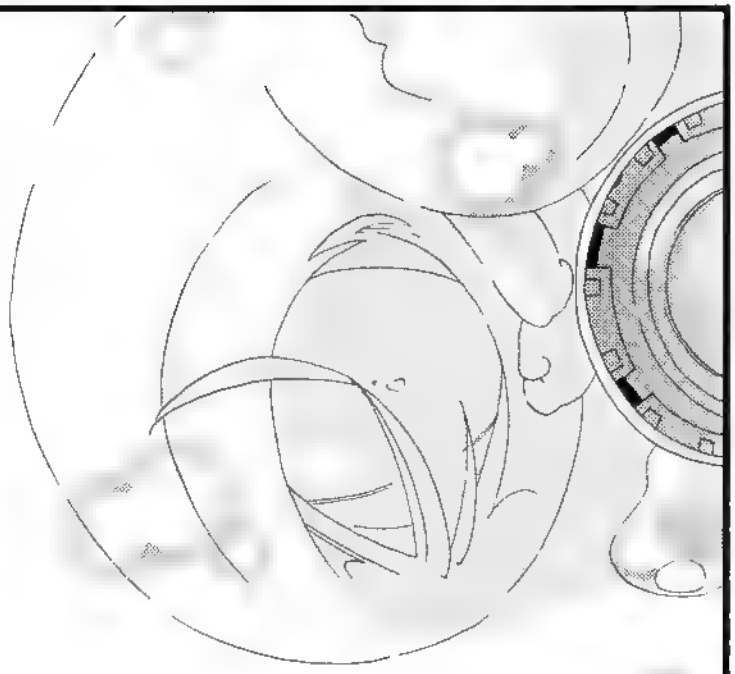








CHAPTER 23
ABUNDANT MIKUNI-SAN OUTBREAK

GA-CHAK!!
WAKA-SA!!
THIS IS TERRI-BLE!!
THERE ARE TWO MIKLINI-SANS ...!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?! IT'S DANGER-OUS!!
TOSS
YOU ALMOST GOT THROWN IN THE TRASH!!
STUFFED
JEEZ
GOOD-NESS...
UNTIL YOU GOT SO SMALL--
RATTLE
SQUISH
SQUEAL!
FU FU FU!
TATSU-MI...
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO COUNT HIGHER THAN THAT.
LIFT
THAT HURT! YOU--!!
TAPIOCA BATH!!
MIKU-NIS...?
TWO...

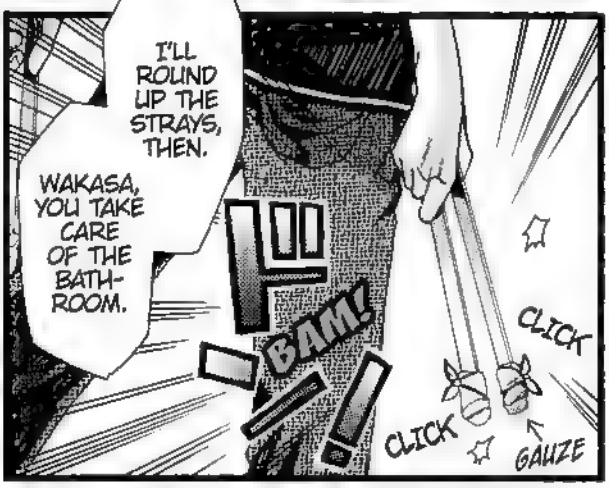
MIKUNI-SAN...
ANY MIKUNI-SAN...
CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON?
THERE'S NOTHING TO EXPLAIN!
THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.
I'M NOT TELLING YOU~!
WHEN I MULTIPLY, I MULTIPLY! ★
WE'RE ALL ME!
I'M SLEEPY --!
THAT'S HOW I FEEL RIGHT NOW.
HEE HEE!
I WAS STEPPED ON~!
SIIIGH...

THEY RAN AWAY!!
HUH?
WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF WE DON'T CATCH THEM ALL?!
HUH?!
WHAT?!
FREE-DOM!
SPROING
OF COURSE...
WHEE!

POKE
POKE
THAT HURTS!
HE'S SUCH A MYSTERIOUS PERSON...

HE'LL BE MISSING PARTS OF HIMSELF.
BAM!

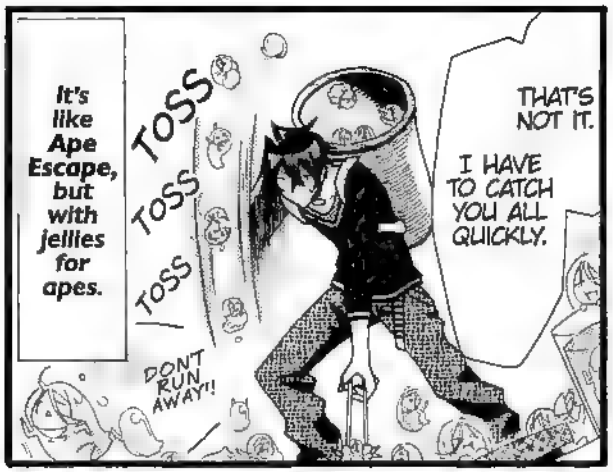
SO THERE REALLY ARE ALL KINDS OF MIKUNI-SANS.
NOW ISN'T THE TIME TO RELAX.
HUH?

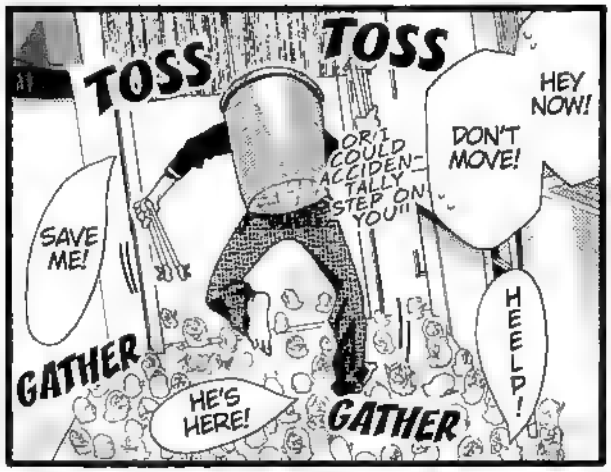

I'LL ROUND UP THE STRAYS, THEN.
WAKASA, YOU TAKE CARE OF THE BATH-ROOM.
BAM!
CLICK
CLICK
GAUZE

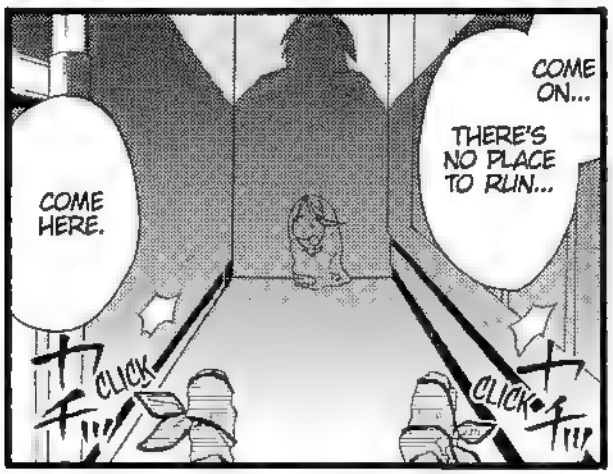
WE HAVE TO COLLECT THEM AND MAKE THEM FUSE.

YOU LOOK LIKE A CHESTNUT GATHERER!!
WATCH THE EXIT TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T ESCAPE.
Bait (Energy Water).
PLACE

"FUSE"?!
STARE
OH, IT WOULD BE EASIER IF TAKASU WAS HERE
LIKE A KING SLIME?

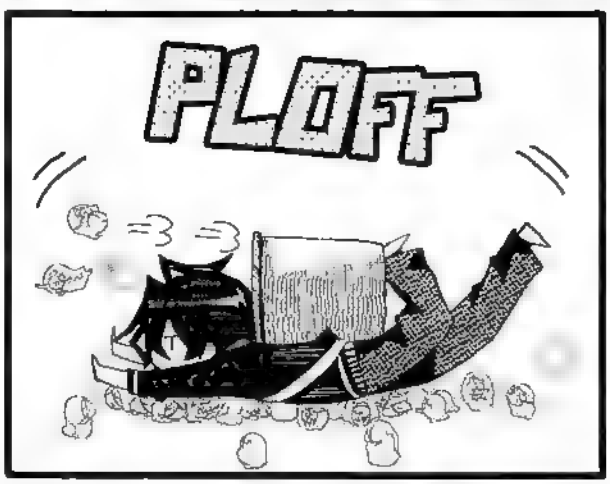

It's like Ape Escape, but with jellies for apes.
TOSS
TOSS
TOSS
THAT'S NOT IT.
I HAVE TO CATCH YOU ALL QUICKLY.
DON'T RUN AWAY!!


TOSS
TOSS
HEY NOW!
DON'T MOVE!
OR I COULD ACCIDENTALLY STEP ON YOU!!
SAVE ME!
HEELP!
GATHER
HE'S HERE!
GATHER


COME HERE.
COME ON...
THERE'S NO PLACE TO RUN...
CLICK
CLICK

WOBBLE
UGH!
A WHOLE...
CROWD ...!

TATSUMI-KUN...
YOU'RE SCARY...!
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE


PLOFF

HEY, TAT-SUMI !!
DON'T FALL FOR THAT SOB STORY !!
GLOOM
GONE
IT'LL NEVER END!!

HEY! YOU'RE HEAVY--!
LOW SHOCK JELLY-FISH...
BE CAREFUL YOU'LL SQUISH US!
THE TINGLING FEELING ISN'T TOO STRONG. FEELS NICE, ACTUALLY.
TINGLE
TINGLE

THERE HE IS!!
シュパパ!
SHUWPA-PA!
Tatsumi steeled his heart.
THE MIKUNIS ARE BEING SUCKED IN!!
GULP!
NO!!
THIS IS ALL MINE!!
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT FROM ME!!
SPLISH!
MY BACK'S REALLY STARTING TO ACHE
WHEN THEY ALL FUSE!!
WHEN WILL THIS END?!
HEH.
WIGGLE
KYA!
KYA!
SO FAST!
JUST A BIT MORE!
AMAZ-ING!
SQUEAK
TINK
GATHER GATHER
I CAN HEAR VOICES!
STILL NOT ENOUGH!
TOO BAD!
KYA!
COME OUT, MIKUNI --!
NOT YET~!
SPLASH

THIS IS GETTING REALLY HEAVY...
AND THERE IS ENERGY WATER IN HERE NOW
TA...
TATSU-MI...!
BEHIND YOU!
GLUB
GLUB
BUURP!
YOU'RE AWE-SOME, TATSU-MI!!
I THINK YOU JUST MADE A NEW WORLD RECORD !!
THANK GOODNESS HE'S SO SIMPLE.
GROW
WATER !
TUB-ULAR -!
ENERGY WATER IS SO DELI-CIOUS!
CLAP CLAP
HM?
BEHIND ME?
FUSE!
むく GROW
CREAK
CREAK
むく GROW
HE'S A PORTUGUESE MAN O'WAR, THE SIZE OF A MOUN-TAINOUS MONSTER ...!!!

YOU WERE AMAZING TODAY, TATSUMI!!
I THINK YOU WENT FASTER THAN TAKASU COULD HAVE!
REALLY?! THAT IS AMAZING!!
IS THAT SO?
WELL...
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU WHOLE AGAIN.
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.
KYAAA!
AS EXPECTED, YOU'RE AMAZING, TATSUMI-KUN! SO COOL--!!
GLOMP
MOUNTAIN-SIZED STING POWER.
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
TATSUMI!! HANG IN THERE!!
It shocked him a lot.

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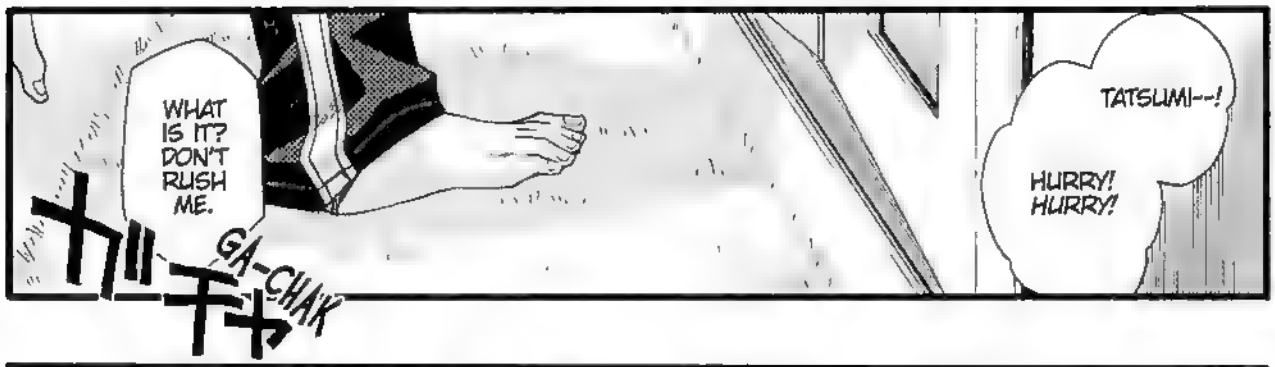
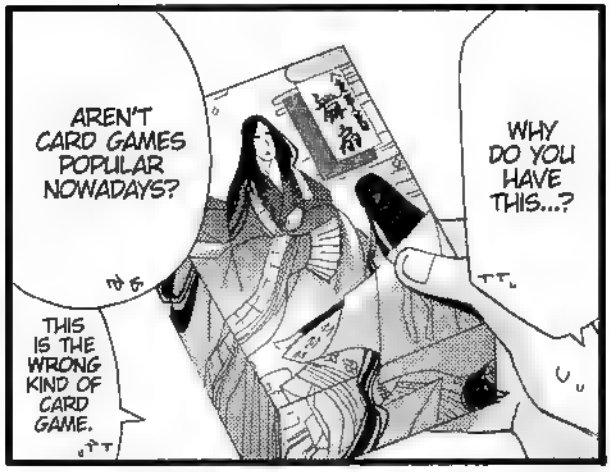
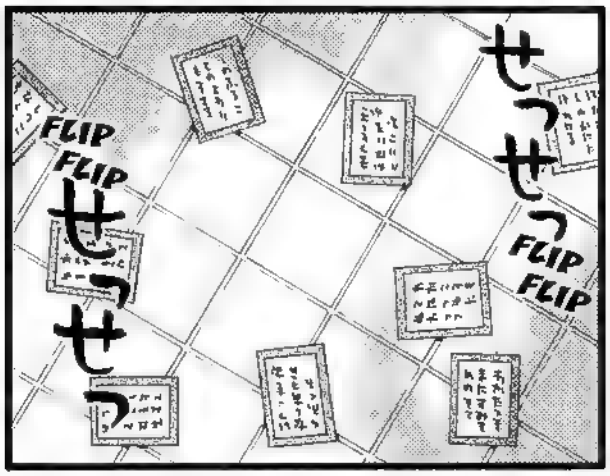

TATSUMI--!
HURRY! HURRY!
WHAT IS IT? DON'T RUSH ME.
GA-CHAK

TA-DA!
IT'S TIME...
TO DUEL.
CHAPTER 24
CARD GAME TOURNAMENT IN MY TUB

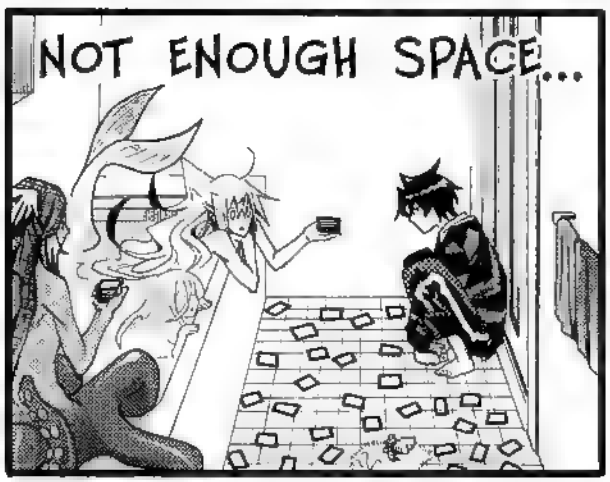
WHAT ?!!!
THESE ARE ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE, ONE POEM CARDS.
YOU CAN'T DUEL WITH THEM.

SPLISH
THE CARDS WITH JUST WRITING.
YES, SIR!!
FOR NOW, SPREAD OUT THE BOTTOM HALF OF THE POEMS.


AREN'T CARD GAMES POPULAR NOWADAYS?
WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS...?
THIS IS THE WRONG KIND OF CARD GAME.


FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP

ALL RIGHT!!
LET'S PLAY THAT!!
BUT IT'S TRUE THAT ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE, ONE POEM IS BEING TALKED ABOUT LATELY.


NOT ENOUGH SPACE...

ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE, ONE POEM, HUH? WE CAN DO IT, BUT...
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PLAY?
BECAUSE I DON'T

FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
THEY STICK TO THE WALLS!

WELL NEED A TANK, A HEALER.
DON'T WE MAKE A PARTY AND FIGHT?
ARE THERE ANY HPs WRITTEN ON THE CARDS?
LET'S LOOK AT THE INSTRUCTIONS

OOOO-KAY~!
OKAY!
THEN, EVERYONE. I'M GOING TO READ NOW.

YES!
I WANT TO BE THE READER!
IT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF US READS THE TOP PART AND THEN WE COLLECT THE BOTTOM PART.

"BECAUSE OF YOU..."
WIDEN

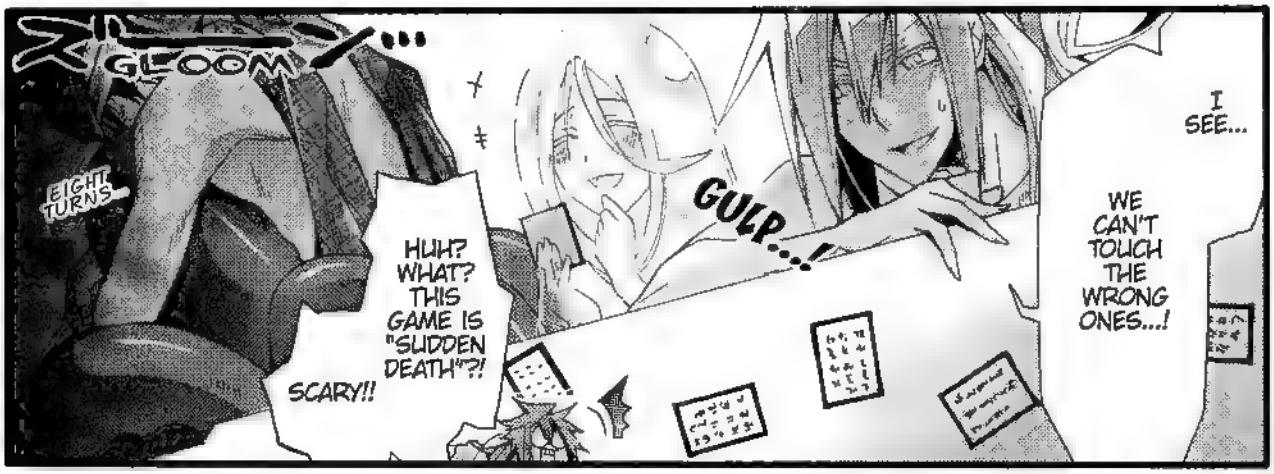
WILL YOU... BE ALL RIGHT?
THERE'S A LOT OF BIG WORDS
LEAVE IT TO ME!
I WANT YOU TO PLAY TODAY, TATSUMI-KUN!

SHWUP

FLINCH

WRONG, TAKASU. YOU MISS EIGHT TURNS.
OH! COULD IT BE THIS ONE?!
WHAT--?!!
GRAB

HE CAN'T READ KANJI?
GLOW...!
STARE
THERE'S A PRONUN-CIATION GUIDE...!
OH... THANK GOOD-NESS ...!

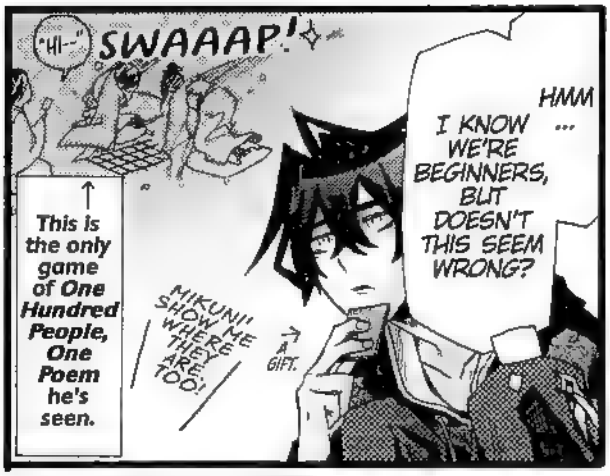

GLOOM
EIGHT TURNS
HUH? WHAT? THIS GAME IS "SUDDEN DEATH"?!
SCARY!!
GULP...!
I SEE...
WE CAN'T TOUCH THE WRONG ONES...!

SEARCH
SEARCH
SEARCH
BY THE WAY, THE BOTTOM HALF IS: "LEST THESE FAIR MAIDS OF FORM DIVINE SHOULD ANGEL WINGS DISPLAY, AND FLY FAR FAR AWAY."
IS WHAT IT SAYS.

"OH, STORMY WINDS, BRING UP THE CLOUDS, AND PAINT THE HEAVENS GREY..."
IS WHAT IT SAYS.

I FOUND IT!
TOUCH
OH!
HERE IT IS, TATSUMI-KUN!

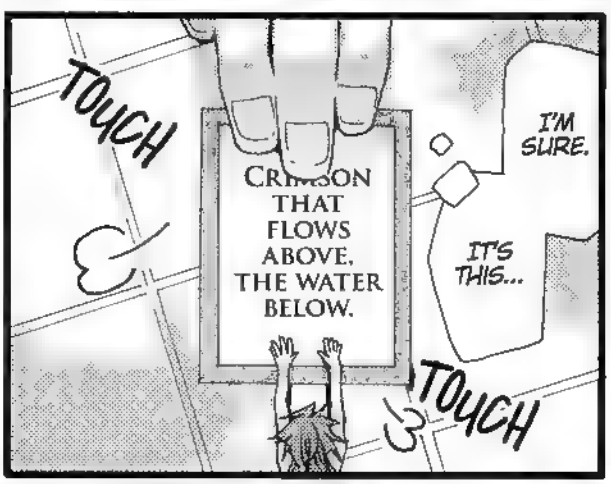
I GOT COCKY AND JUMPED FORWARD TOO MUCH. I'M REALLY SORRY.
PLEASE TAKE IT
OH. NO. UM. YOU WERE MUCH FASTER, TATSUMI-SAN.
PUSH
PUSH


"HI-"
SWAAAP!
This is the only game of One Hundred People, One Poem he's seen.
MIKUNI! SHOW ME WHERE THEY ARE, TOO!
A GIFT.
HMM ... I KNOW WE'RE BEGINNERS, BUT DOESN'T THIS SEEM WRONG?

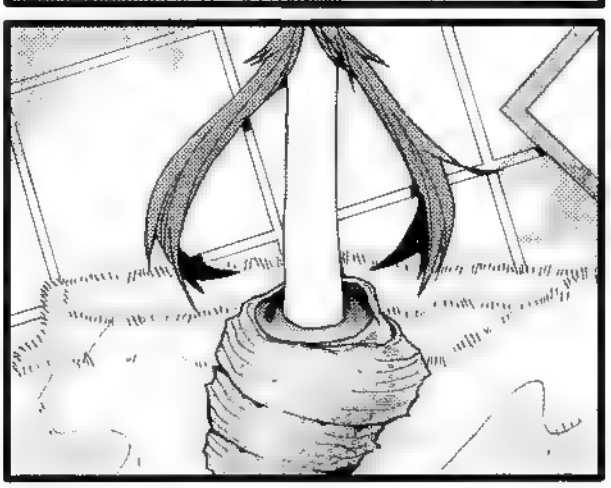
I SHOULD LEAVE THIS TO HIM.
TOUCH
TOUCH
WITHDRAW

OH.
I KNOW THIS ONE.
THIS IS A FAMOUS ONE.
"IMPASSIONATE GODS HAVE NEVER SHOWN..."

GRIN


TOUCH
CRIMSON THAT FLOWS ABOVE, THE WATER BELOW.
I'M SURE.
IT'S THIS...
TOUCH

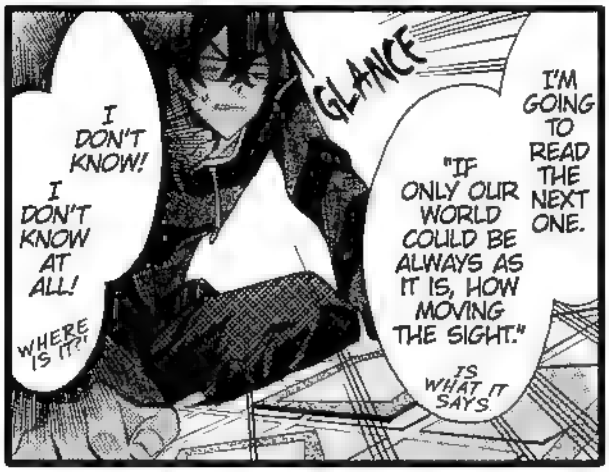
WHEN DID... YOU GET SO MANY ...?
CRACKLE

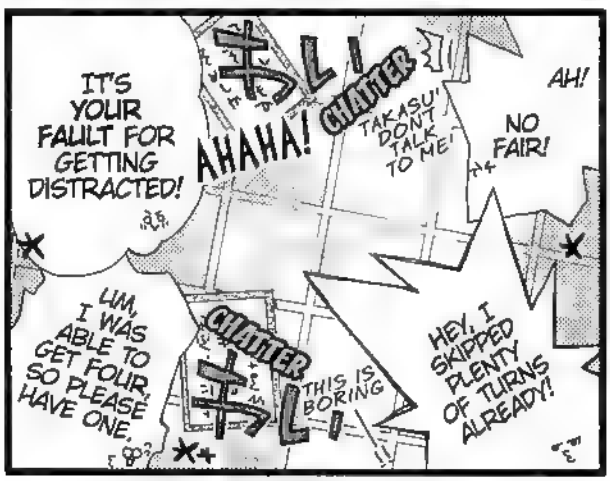


CRAP...
LIKE I'D LOSE TO WAKASA.
SWAP
SWAP
SWAP

I'M BACK--!!
IT'S EASY ONCE YOU GET THE HANG OF IT!
SPLISH

HEY, TATSUMI. WHAT DOES THE POEM MEAN JUST NOW?
IT'S DIFFICULT AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND..
HUH? I WONDER.
GOT IT!


I'M GOING TO READ THE NEXT ONE.
GLANCE
"IF ONLY OUR WORLD COULD BE ALWAYS AS IT IS, HOW MOVING THE SIGHT."
IS WHAT IT SAYS
I DON'T KNOW!
I DON'T KNOW AT ALL!
WHERE IS IT?!


IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR GETTING DISTRACTED!
AHAHA!
CHATTER
TAKASU! DON'T TALK TO ME!
AH!
NO FAIR!
UM, I WAS ABLE TO GET FOUR, SO PLEASE HAVE ONE.
CHATTER
THIS IS BORING
HEY, I SKIPPED PLENTY OF TURNS ALREADY!

!!
!!
SWAP!

I WANT TO TALK WITH EVERY-ONE
EVERYONE LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN...
MIKUNI-SAN?
GRIP...

TOUCH
FOUND IT--!!
TAKASU, ANOTHER EIGHT MISSED TURNS...
WHAT?!
AGAIN--?!
UGH

OH.
THAT'S RIGHT.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
BEING UNABLE...
TO TOUCH THE CARDS ON THE OTHER SIDE IS A HUGE DISADVANTAGE.
OTHER SIDE
WOW! I'M BEATING TATSUMI!!
AMAZING!
LOTS
NO, NO, NO! YOU'RE BEATING ME BY A LONG SHOT!!
LITTLE
GLIMMER
TATSUMI, ARE YOU ON DRUGS?!
SLAP
I CAN SEE...
I CAN SEE THE CARDS NOW!
The power of reading glasses.
ARE GLASSES REALLY THAT AMAZING?!
I WANT A PAIR!!

SLAP!
THE CEILING !!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
AND THE LAST CARD...
5
TRULY THIS IS WHERE TRAVELERS GO AFTER PARTING WAYS
CRACKLE
THE ONE WHO RULES THIS CARD, RULES THIS GAME!
4 CARDS
DO YOUR BEST!!
3 CARDS
GLANCE
HUH ?!
NOT HERE ?!
WHERE DID IT --?!
GLANCE
KER-SPLOOSH!!
IS THIS A DOLPHIN SHOW...?
AND SO, WAKASA WON.

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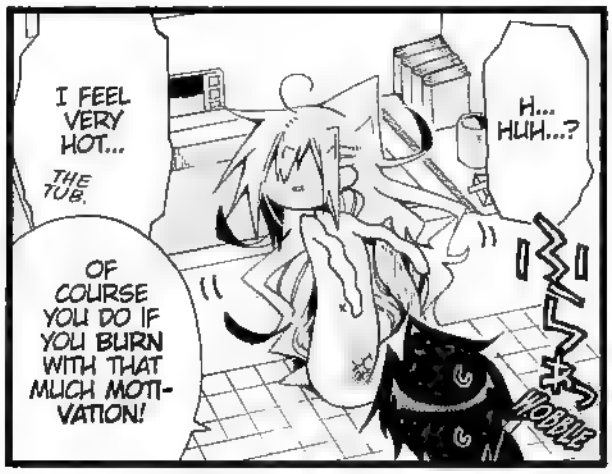
WATCH OUT!!
GOOD-NESS!! BE CAREFUL, TATSUMI !!
SLIIIDE!!

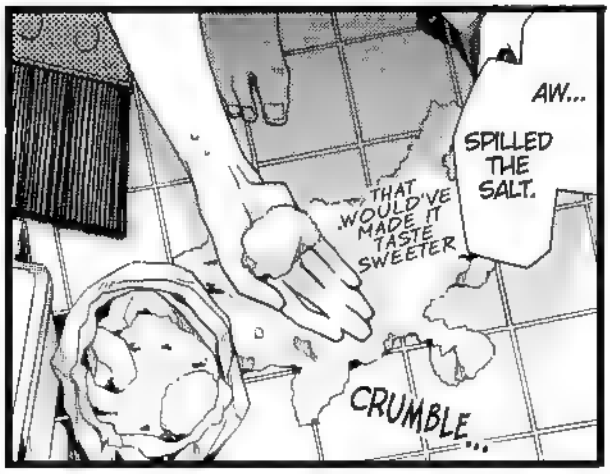
GA-CHAK
HEY, WAKASA.
OUR NEIGHBOR GAVE ME A WATER-MELON, SO LET'S EAT IT.

THAT WAS CLOSE!
CRASH

OH.
TACKLE
WATER-MELON --?!
YAY!! YUMMY --!!
AND IT'S SO BIG!!
WHUMPH!

CHAPTER 25
WAKASA GETS SICK


I FEEL VERY HOT...
THE TUB.
OF COURSE YOU DO IF YOU BURN WITH THAT MUCH MOTIVATION!
H... HUH...?
WOBBLE


AW... SPILLED THE SALT.
THAT WOULD'VE MADE IT TASTE SWEETER
CRUMBLE...

SPLOSH!!

I'M GOING TO CLEAN UP, SO MOVE OUT OF THE WAY, WAKASA.
--RRY...

WHAT--?! ARE YOU DROWNING?!
GRAB
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!

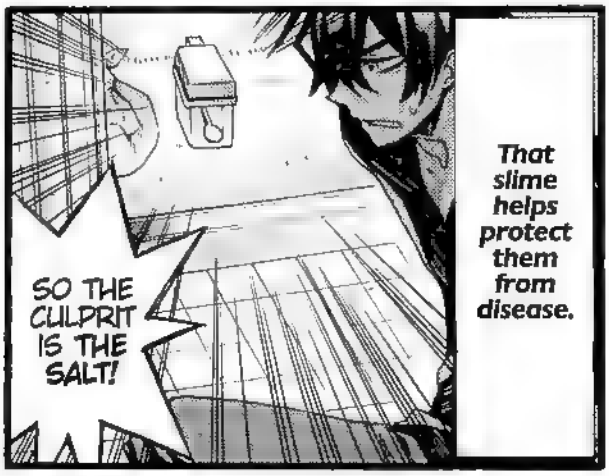
I--!
FROM NOW ON, I'LL BECOME A PROPERLY INDEPENDENT MAN...!!
BURN!!
SORRY FOR ALWAYS CAUSING YOU TROUBLE !!

CLEAN
HUH? HE'S NOT SLIMY.

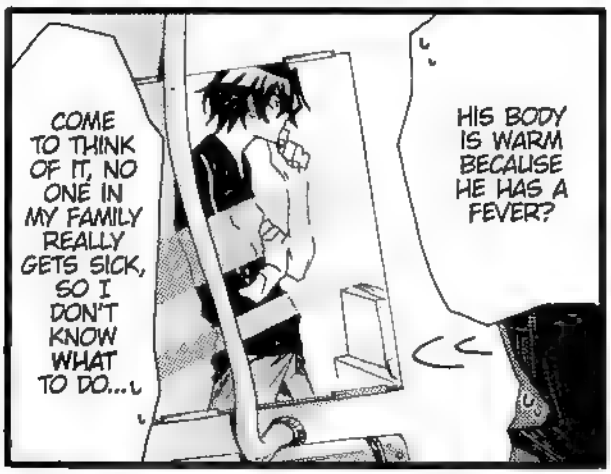
I CAN DO IT IF I TRY!!
BURN
BURN
WHAT'S WITH THE FLAMES? ARE YOU TRYING TO GO SUPER SAIYAN?
HUH?

YOUR BODY SEEMS... PRETTY HOT?!
BESIDES THAT...
Don't worry...
SIGH...
I'm an... independant man.
SOME-THING IS DEFINITELY WRONG.
Salt makes it easier to remove the slime from fish skin.
AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE HAS GOOSE-BUMPS?
HIS LACK OF SLIME IS WEIRD, TOO...
TOUCH
TOUCH

HUH...? A KISS?!
THAT'S ONLY WHAT YOU USE ON DAD'S FEVER, MOM!
BEEP
MOM!
WHAT'S THE CURE FOR A FEVER?

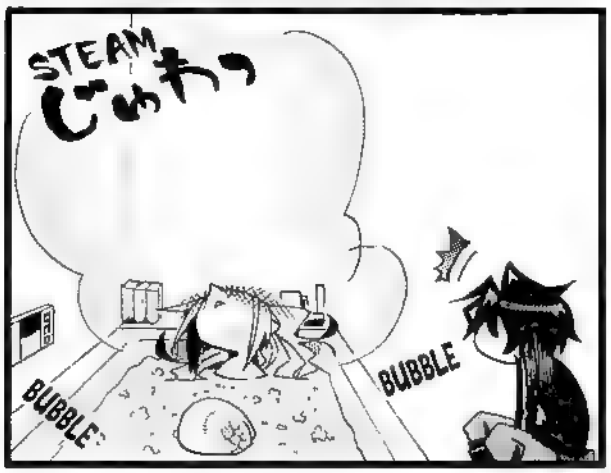

That slime helps protect them from disease.
SO THE CULPRIT IS THE SALT!

ドTOSS
FOR NOW, I'VE GOT TO COOL HIM DOWN!


COME TO THINK OF IT, NO ONE IN MY FAMILY REALLY GETS SICK, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
HIS BODY IS WARM BECAUSE HE HAS A FEVER?

This is used to paralyze fish alive to maintain their quality. Please do not do this to actual sick people.
Ice bath.
ザバー
SPLISH
HOW IS IT, WAKA-SA?
DO YOU FEEL A LITTLE LESS HOT?

I'LL TAKE HIM TO THE HOSPITAL!
POFF!


STEAM
じゅわっ
BUBBLE
BUBBLE

WHICH HOSPITAL DOES A MERMAN GO TO?!
DOCTOR?! VETERINARIAN?!
NNGH..
HM?
WAIT...!
?!

I'VE NEVER NURSED ANYONE BEFORE AND I'M A LITTLE OVER-WHELMED BY IT.
S... SORRY ...

I FEEL BAD, BUT IT'S STARTING TO SMELL GOOD IN HERE, FOR ONCE.
UGH...
STEEEAM

WHAT KIND OF SICKNESS DO YOU HAVE ANY-WAYS?
HOW WILL YOU GET BETTER?
HEY, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

DASH
THAT'S RIGHT...!

LEAVE ME ALONE...
NO... I CAN'T CAUSE YOU ANY MORE TROUBLE.
SPLISH

GREEN ONION!!
THEY WRAP GREEN ONION AROUND A SICK PER-SON'S NECK A LOT IN MANGA!
UNNH ...
IT SMELLS

SHUNK

WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?
GREEN ONION
MIRIN
KELP
SOY SAUCE
GASP!

HUFF
HUFF
I'LL BE FINE BY MYSELF.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
NO. NO. NO!
I CAN'T LEAVE YOU LIKE THIS!
ISN'T THERE... ANYTHING THAT I CAN DO...?
AM I...A BOTH-ER?
RUSTLE RUSTLE
WHAT THE HELL?
YOU SHOULD DEPEND ON ME LIKE USUAL...!
NO!
SLAP
HEY, THEN WHY DON'T WE GO BACK TO THE RIVER YOU GREW UP IN?
THE WATER MAY BE BETTER FOR YOU THERE--
YEAH.
LUGGING HIM THERE WOULD'VE BEEN TOUGH.
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL RELIEVED.

I SHOULD ASK SOU-SUKE.
NO. I CAN'T. HE MIGHT FIND OUT.
I CAN'T LET ANYONE IN THE HOUSE.
GA-CHAK
NN...
NN-GH!
BUT... WHAT SHOULD I DO IF SOMETHING HAPPENS WHILE I'M GONE...?
PHAR-MACY... I'LL TRY TO GO THERE.
THA-
THUMP
HUFF
IT HURTS ...!
HUFF
GONNA ...
DIE --!

"LEAVE ME ALONE."
"I'M AN INDEPEN-DENT MAN."
JUST WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
NO. THERE'S NO WAY...!
DIE?
WAKA-SA?
WHY DON'T YOU DEPEND ON ME AT TIMES LIKE THIS?!
.....!
HEY, WAKASA...

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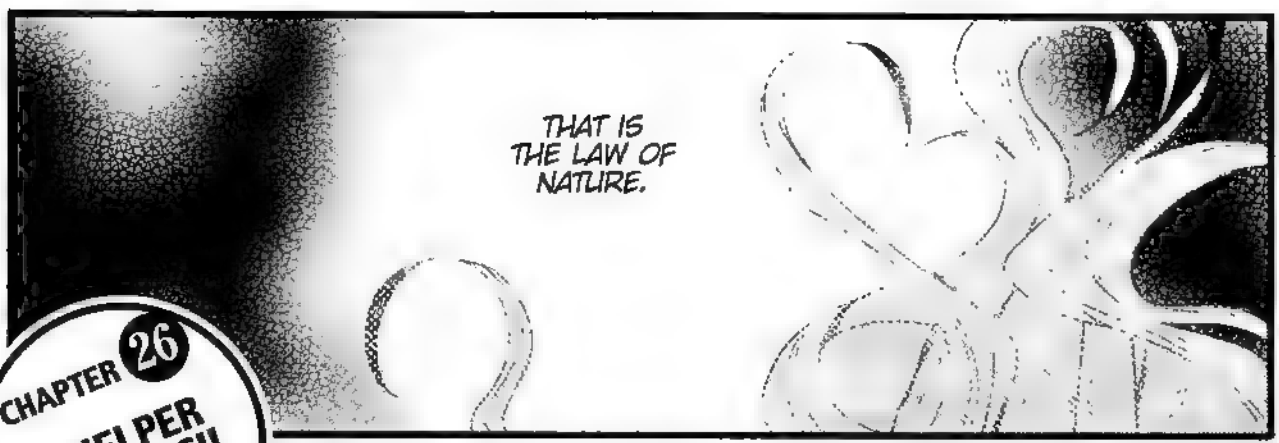
IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD, GETTING SICK...
MEANS YOU TAKE ON A LOT OF RISKS.
IF YOU CAN'T PROTECT YOURSELF...
YOU BECOME A SACRIFICE TO OTHER LIVING THINGS.



CHAPTER 26
A HELPER APPEARS!!

BIG BROTHER?
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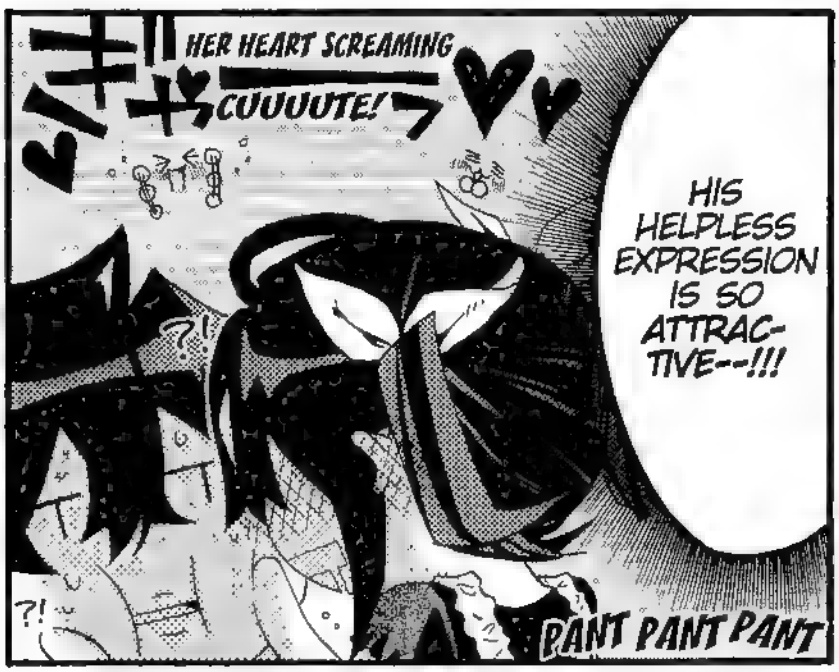
HUH...?


HER HEART SCREAMING
キャ CUUUUTE! ♥♥
HIS HELPLESS EXPRESSION IS SO ATTRAC-TIVE--!!!
?!
?!
PANT PANT PANT

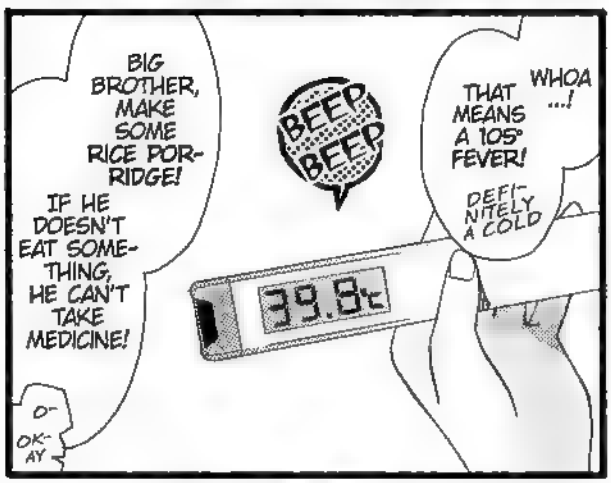
GRAB
カレ!
KASUMI ?!
WHY ARE YOU HERE...

NO... UM.
THAT IS...
IT SMELLS REALLY GOOD!
WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE WATER?!

HUH?!
CRY... OF COURSE NOT...!
WHAT? WERE YOU CRYING, BIG BROTHER?
AREN'T YOU AN ADULT, BIG BROTHER?

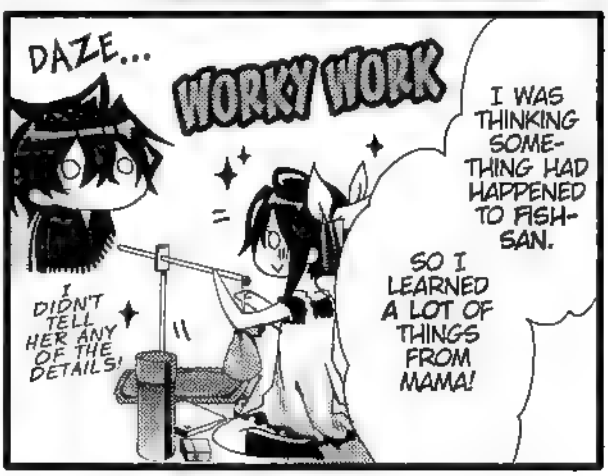
DON'T USE COLD WATER RIGHT NOW. HE NEEDS TO WARM UP AND SWEAT IT OUT.
AN ICE PACK AND WE TAKE HIS TEMPERATURE.
THIS IS WORSE THAN MAMA SAID!

PUSH
I HEARD FROM MAMA.
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW--
PUTTING THAT ASIDE, KASUMI.


BIG BROTHER, MAKE SOME RICE PORRIDGE!
IF HE DOESN'T EAT SOMETHING, HE CAN'T TAKE MEDICINE!
O-OKAY
BEEP BEEP
39.8℃
WHOA...!
THAT MEANS A 105° FEVER!
DEFINITELY A COLD

I'M HERE TO HELP. ♡

FAINTED?!
OH.
HE'S FAINTED, TOO!


DAZE...
WORKY WORK
I DIDN'T TELL HER ANY OF THE DETAILS!
I WAS THINKING SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED TO FISH-SAN.
SO I LEARNED A LOT OF THINGS FROM MAMA!

DRIBBLE
DRIBBLE
G...
GET WELL.

NNN! NO!
HERE. EAT THIS.
YES... HE'LL BE FINE!
REALLY ...?
BUT HE'S A MER-MAN. CAN WE TREAT HIM?

WIPE
WIPE
HE... WON'T EAT.
DO THE CARROTS AND VEGETA-BLES TASTE BAD?

NO ONE, HUMAN OR MERMAN...
WILL GET BETTER SUR-ROUNDED BY GLOOMY FACES LIKE THAT.
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF, BIG BROTHER!

MUNCH
HOW IS IT?
I KNOW THEY'RE NOT YOUR FAVORITES, BUT YOU NEED NUTRIENTS.

OKAY?
SMILE.
TELL THEM "GET WELL, SOON."

I'M GOING TO GET A FEVER TOO, SO BIG BROTHER WILL TAKE CARE OF ME!!
SECONDS, PLEASE! ♡
THIS IS FOR WAKASA.

G..."GET WELL SOON"...?
SMILE ...?
YEAH!
HERE
PER-FECT!

MUNCH
MUNCH
CAN YOU EAT MORE RICE PORRIDGE?
YES...

HUFF!
OH!
I'M FINE... ON...MY OWN...
I'M... GOING TO... BE AN INDEPENDENT... MAN...!
HUFF

HERE. DRINK THIS MEDICINE, FISH-SAN.
YEAH...

PIINCH

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING MORE DELICIOUS ...?
BLEEEH!
GUEH!
IT'S BITTER~!
I HAVE SOME SYRUP, TOO.
IT'S REALLY SWEET
HE DRANK IT.

CAN YOU STAND UP RIGHT NOW?
YOU'RE WASTING THE RICE PORRIDGE?
にっこぉ~♡
SMILE!
ARE YOU GOING TO WASTE ALL BIG BROTHER'S WORK ON YOU?
IF YOU CAN'T, THEN YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO ME. ♡
OKAY?

PFFT!
YES YES IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
I WANT TO DRINK THE SYRUP --!!
AHH!

AHHH--!
I-
I'LL EAT!!
SO SMILING WORKS JUST LIKE SHE SAID.

WHY DO YOU NEED TO SUFFER ALONE?
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO DEFENSIVE.
NOTHING HERE WILL ATTACK YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD BE, WAKASA.
PAT
PAT
HEY, WAKASA.
YOU'RE THE MERMAN IN MY TUB.

YEAH...
I WANT TO EAT WATER-MELON.
I ALSO WANT TO EAT SOME SHAVED ICE AND HAMBURGER STEAK.
RELAX...
HURRY UP AND GET BETTER SO WE CAN EAT THE WATER-MELON.
TATSUMI...
KASUMI...
THANKS FOR TODAY.
YOU WERE A BIG HELP.
NO! IT'S FINE!!
AND I GOT A GOOD PHOTO-GRAPH OUT OF IT!
I WON'T LET MAMA TAKE CARE OF YOU! ONLY I GET TO!!
CALL ME ON MY CELLPHONE IF YOU EVER GET SICK, BIG BROTHER!
HUH? WELL... OKAY.
I'LL DEPEND ON YOU IF THAT HAPPENS.

Next day.
GRROOOWL
CHIRP CHIRP
GROWL
GRUMBLE
I'M HUNGRY! SOMETHING SMELLS REALLY GOOD! DID YOU MAKE STEW SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?! AMAZING!!
TATSUMI --!!

DELICIOUS AROMA
TATSU-MI...
STEW STEAM
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHAT ABOUT THE STEW?
SCRATCH SCRATCH
HM? YOU'RE AWAKE?
YOU LOOK PRETTY HEALTHY ALREADY.
SO FAST.

HIS ANGER WAS QUELLED WITH WATERMELON, SHAVED ICE, AND MORE.
HE'S BACK TO NORMAL.
YOU WERE GOING TO EAT ME BECAUSE I WAS WEAKENED?!
ビチビチ SPLISH SPLISH ビチ SPLISH
WAIT... I'M...
THE STEW...?
WAS IT WAKASA STEW?!
SPLISH ビチ

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♪
♪
SUM-
MER!
FEST...
IVAL?!
♪

OH, WE'RE EMPTY
PSSH PSSH
BOOM BOOM
?
WHAT IS THIS SOUND? TAIKO DRUMS?

I HAVEN'T EVEN ASKED YET!!
NO, YOU CAN'T GO.

POUR
I TURNED HIM DOWN, THOUGH.
COME TO THINK OF IT, SOUSUKE ASKED ME TODAY TO GO TO THE SUMMER FESTIVAL WITH HIM.

CHAPTER 27
SUMMER FESTIVAL IN MY TUB

ビチ
SPLISH
ばた
SPLISH
NO FAIR!
WHY CAN'T I GO?!
ビチ
SPLISH
ばた

ビチ
SPLISH
ビチ
SPLISH
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A SUMMER FESTIVAL IN MY LIFE, YOU KNOW?!
I'M NOT SURPRISED.
I WAS ONLY ABLE TO SEE THE FIREWORKS FROM A DISTANCE !!

FLOP
HUH?!
WOW!!
OH.
I DO HAVE WASSHOI DANCE CLOTHES.
HERE

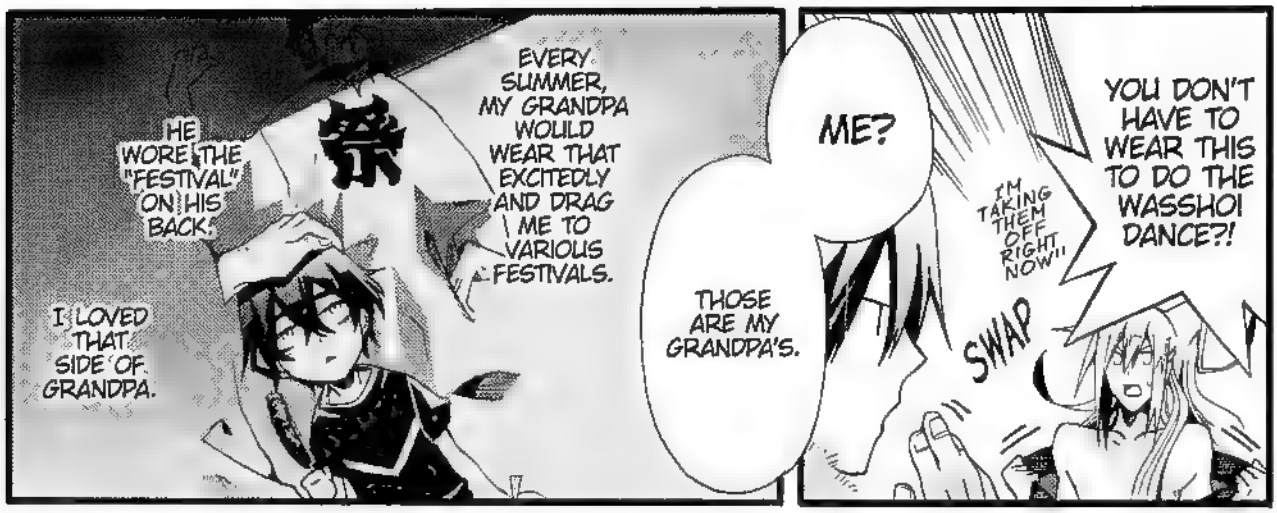
ALL THE FOOD AND TRINKET STALLS!
THE TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL DANCES! THE WASSHOI DANCE!
THE YUKATA THAT STRANGELY DOUBLES YOUR ATTRACTIVENESS...!
YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT.
THAT'S WHAT THEY DO!!

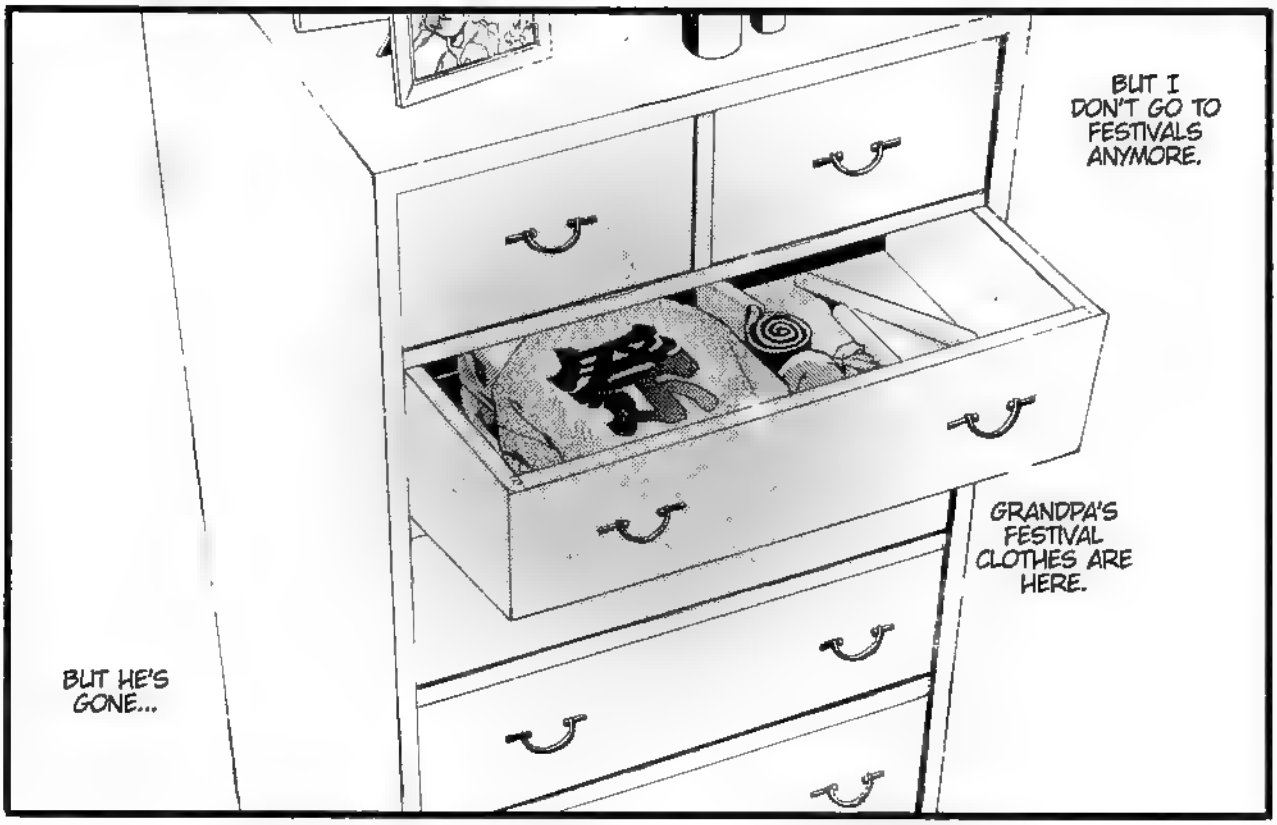
I LOOK LIKE A GHOST
MY GRANDPA LOVED FESTIVALS.

STARE...
I CAN'T GO...?

THAT THING AROUND YOUR HEAD IS UNDERWEAR.

SPLASH
NOPE.

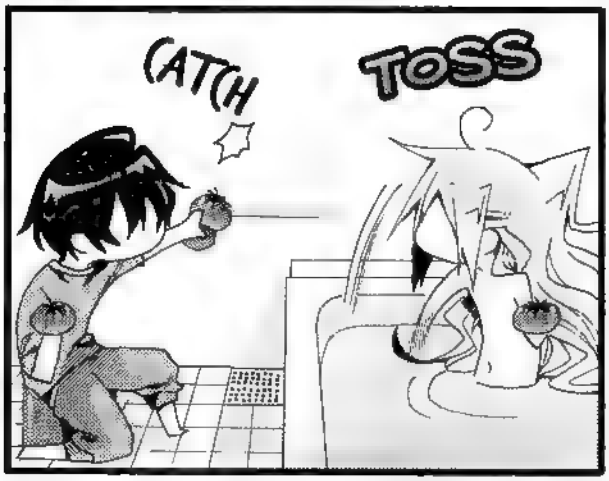

EVERY SUMMER, MY GRANDPA WOULD WEAR THAT EXCITEDLY AND DRAG ME TO VARIOUS FESTIVALS.
HE WORE THE "FESTIVAL" ON HIS BACK.
I LOVED THAT SIDE OF GRANDPA.
ME?
THOSE ARE MY GRANDPA'S.
I'M TAKING THEM OFF RIGHT NOW!!
SWAP
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WEAR THIS TO DO THE WASSHOI DANCE?!


BUT I DON'T GO TO FESTIVALS ANYMORE.
GRANDPA'S FESTIVAL CLOTHES ARE HERE.
BUT HE'S GONE...

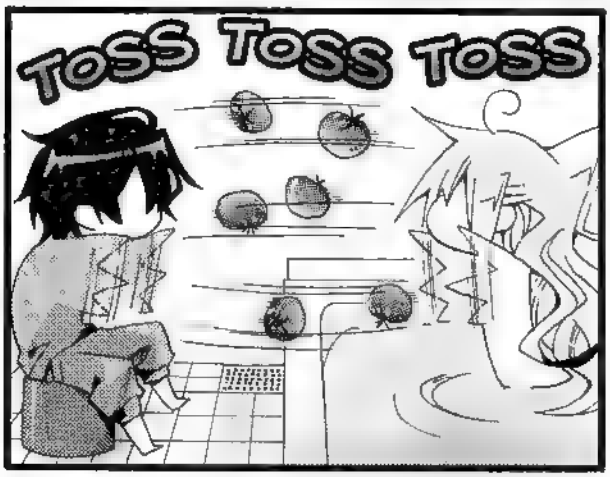
YOU CAN'T REALLY KNOW SOME-ONE ELSE'S MEMORY.
THOUGH. YOU'RE NOT ALL WRONG
YOU MUST HAVE A SAD AND WONDERFUL MEMORY!!

H...
HERE I GO!
YEAH.

HEY, HEY. LET'S HAVE A FESTIVAL IN THE HOUSE!!
I FEEL LIKE IT'S A NAKED FESTIVAL EVERY DAY IN HERE ALREADY.


CATCH
TOSS

LIKE THE CARNIVAL IN RIO DE JANEIRO, THE TOMATO FESTIVAL, OR THE SPRING BREAD FESTIVAL!
THE LAST ONE IS STILL JUST IN PLANNING STAGES.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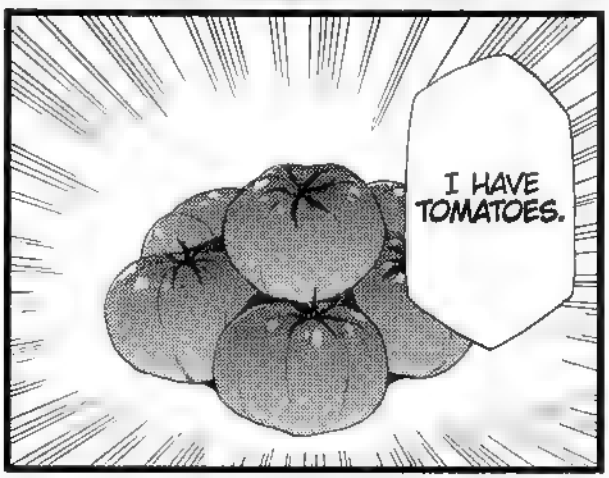

I HAVE TOMATOES.

SPLISH SPLISH
BOR-ING!!
AND WE SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH OUR FOOD
THIS ISN'T RIGHT.

STARE...
I BET THIS WOULD HURT IF IT ACTUALLY HIT YOU.

THUMP
THUMP
FOOO
FOOO
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THIS IS WRONG, TOO!!
SIZZLE
THAT'S THE END OF THAT!!

WHOOA!!
CANDIED APPLES.
FOOD STALLS, HUH...?
WHAT ABOUT FOOD STALLS?
YOU CAN EAT ALL SORTS OF THINGS, RIGHT?
WAAAA!!!
AND CREPES.
OOH...
OKONOMI-YAKI.
THAT SOUNDS SO NICE!!
WAAAAH!
THERE ARE STILL A LOT MORE THINGS THERE.
OOOH...
HOTDOGS ON A STICK.
HOW TERRIBLE, TATSUMI! AFTER SAYING ALL THAT--!!!
WE'LL MAKE SOMETHING WITH THE TOMATOES TO KEEP UP THE FESTIVE MOOD
WELL, I'LL GO MAKE DINNER.
WAH!
SHUNK
OOOOH...
BUTTERED POTATOES.

I BROUGHT A YUKATA FOR BIG BROTHER, TOO!
SEE?
I DON'T NEED IT.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, I WON'T GO.
HEH!
WOW! IS THAT A YUKATA ?!
THAT'S RIGHT!

LET ME BE HONEST WITH YOU.
I WANT TO EAT CREPES !!
GROOWL
← Returned

IT MAKES YOU LOOK SEXIER.
YEAH.
YOU LOOK REALLY CUTE.

TATSUMI, YOU'RE LIKE AN OLD MAN!
SLOUCH
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE.
FESTIVALS ARE HOT AND TROUBLESOME.

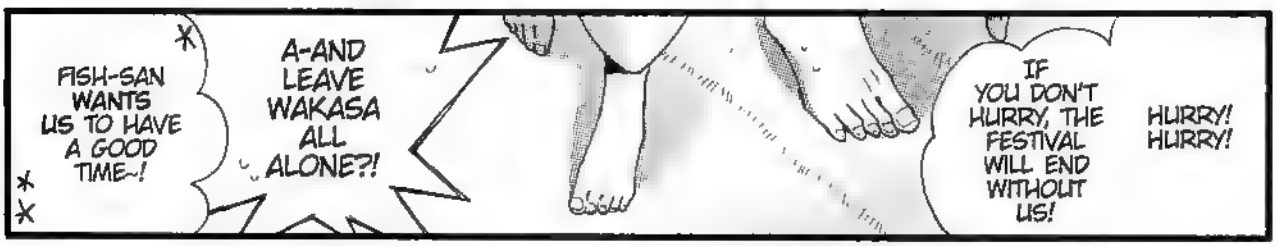
BLUSH
BLUSH

GA-CHAK
BIG BROTHER! ♡
LET'S GO TO THE SUMMER FESTIVAL~! ♡

HUH?
HE'S MORE OF A PREY SPECIES.
I WAS SO SURE HE WAS HARMLESS..!
BIG BROTHER... IS FISHSAN A PREDATOR...?!
IS HE?!
HOW NICE THE PINK IS CUTE

WHAT...
DID YOU SAY...?
Tatsumi is now surrounded.
1
2

ARE YOU ONE OF MY AUNTS OR SOMETHING?
PUSH PUSH
COME ON! HURRY UP AND GO!
YOU PLAN ON LETTING YOUR LITTLE SISTER'S CLOTHES GO TO WASTE?!


FISH-SAN WANTS US TO HAVE A GOOD TIME~!
A-AND LEAVE WAKASA ALL ALONE?!
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, THE FESTIVAL WILL END WITHOUT US!
HURRY! HURRY!

GRIN
GRIN
GRIN
GRIN

Tatsumi knew that smile meant "Bring me back some food."
LET'S HURRY UP AND GO~!

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OVER-FLOWING
I FEEL A LOT BETTER AFTER SEEING YOU.

CHATTER
CHATTER
BONG
BONG
好み焼
THANK YOU!
YOU LOOK GOOD!
OH. SO YOU WERE PLANNING ON COMING WITH KASUMI-CHAN TODAY.

わた
YOU BOUGHT SO MANY THINGS. YOU'RE SUCH A GLUTTON.
THEY'RE NOT FOR ME.
YOU GETTING SOME COTTON CANDY NEXT?

SOUSUKE. WE'RE GOING ON AHEAD
BIG SISTERS FORCED THE CLOTHES ON HIM.
WELL, I THINK EVERYONE IS A LITTLE TOO EXCITED ABOUT IT ALL.

CHAPTER 28
AGARI-SENPAI'S SECRET

ガチャ
GA-CHAK
I'M HOME.
GOT A BAG OF THINGS.
Kasumi has gone home because it's late.

OH.
FOR YOUR SECRET GIRL-FRIEND, THEN?
I'M TELLING YOU... IT'S NOT FOR ME.
HERE ONE FOR YOU, TOO
CLOK CLOK

WOW!
SO THIS IS STALL FOOD!!
I ENDED UP GETTING A BIT TOO MUCH.

CAN I HAVE THREE OF THESE?
PAUSE...
SHE MUST REALLY BE A GOOD CATCH. ☆
YOU'RE SO RESPON-S.BLE FOR THIS WOMAN.
Wall of Indifference.
← A GIFT.

GRUMBLE
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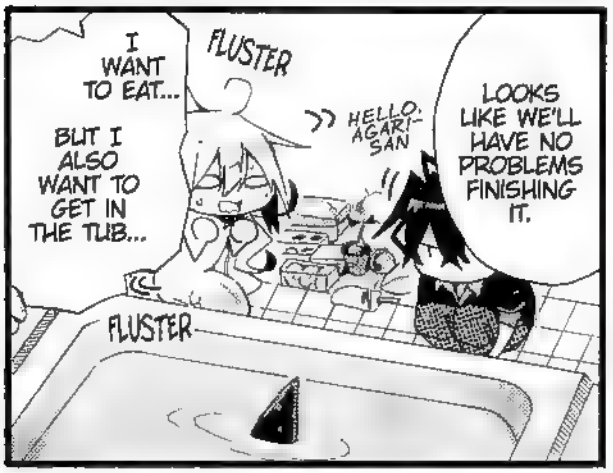
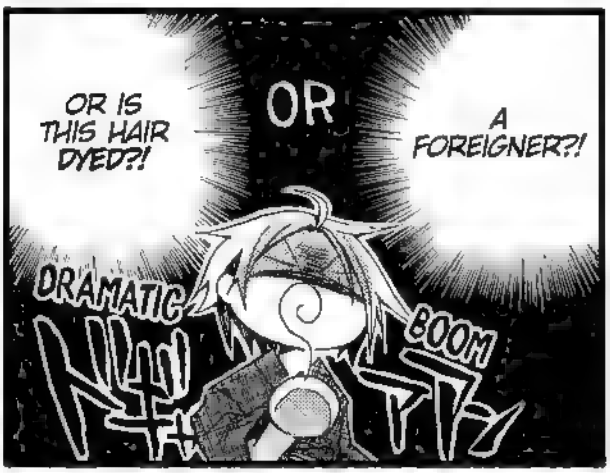
Long blonde hair.

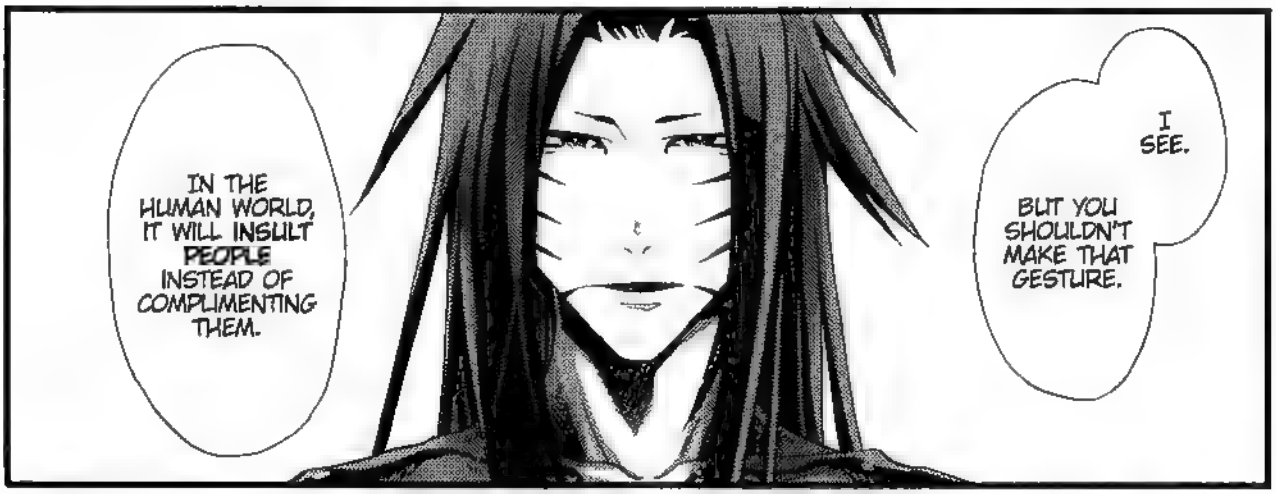

I WANT TO EAT...
BUT I ALSO WANT TO GET IN THE TUB...
FLUSTER
HELLO, AGARI-SAN
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE NO PROBLEMS FINISHING IT.
FLUSTER

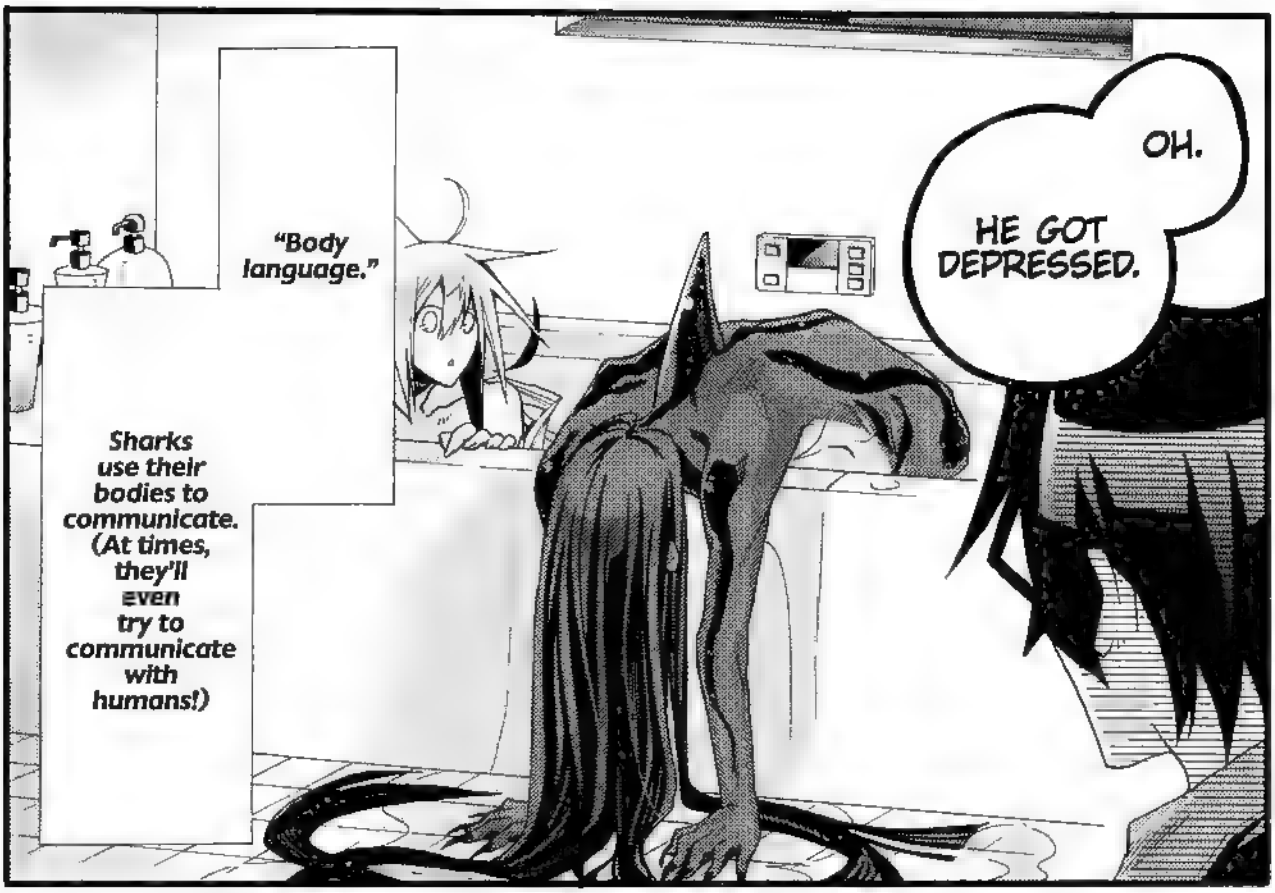

OR IS THIS HAIR DYED?!
OR
A FOREIGNER?!
DRAMATIC
BOOM

BUBBLE
BUBBLE
BUBBLE
FLINCH
COME ON, AGARI-SAN.
COME UP IF YOU WANT TO EAT.
IT TASTES BETTER IF IT'S NOT SOAKED IN BATH-WATER.
IF SENPAI WON'T EAT ANY...
CAN I HAVE THIS ALL FOR MYSELF?!
BUH BUH BUH BUH
I'M JUST KIDDING, SENPAI !!!
PLEASE STOP APPEARING LIKE THAT!!

SPLISH
DOES HE NOT LIKE BEING WATCHED?
STARE...
AREN'T YOU GOING TO EAT ...?
IT'S WRAPPED AROUND THE STICK!
DOES IT SUIT YOUR TASTE?
TURN
SNAAAP!!
CHOMP!!
SHOCK
WHA ...?!
WAS I STARING TOO MUCH?

THAT FINGER'S LONGER THAN A THUMB, RIGHT?!
THAT MEANS IT'S BETTER THAN A THUMBS UP!!
SENPAI DOESN'T OFTEN COMPLIMENT THINGS THAT MUCH!!
YOU'RE WRONG, TATSUMI!!
THAT GESTURE MEANT IT WAS REALLY DELI-CIOUS!! ♡
I'LL GO MAKE SOME-THING.
SO HE DOESN'T LIKE STREET VENDOR FOOD...


IN THE HUMAN WORLD, IT WILL INSULT PEOPLE INSTEAD OF COMPLIMENTING THEM.
I SEE.
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE THAT GESTURE.


"Body language."
Sharks use their bodies to communicate. (At times, they'll even try to communicate with humans!)
OH.
HE GOT DEPRESSED.

SNAAAP
OH.
THAT'S WHY YOU TURNED YOUR BACK.
THAT'S RIGHT. ☆
IS WHAT HE SAID.
HUH?
WHY DOES HE ONLY GESTURE?
WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK?
WELL, I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT COMMUNICATING WITH PEOPLE, EITHER.
I UNDERSTAND HOW HE FEELS
WANT TO EAT THIS?
HUH?
LET'S SEE.
THIS LOOKS SO SURREAL.
CHOMP
BUT, FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL CLOSE TO YOU.
HE SAYS.
WELL....
I GET NERVOUS AND CAN'T TALK WELL. (SWEAT.)
AND EVERY-ONE GETS SCARED OF ME IF I OPEN MY MOUTH. (SOB.)
IS WHAT HE SAID
HIS POSES DON'T MAKE ME FEEL LIKE HE'S VERY SCARY.
NOT AT ALL
WAIT, SENPAI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT--?!
SO SPICY!!
IS WHAT HE SAID
YAANK
ABOVE
BELOW
COULD IT BE, UNDER THE WATER...
DING!
HE'S EMBAR-RASSED ?

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SNAAAAP

HE'S GETTING LESS AND LESS SCARY.
SHP
SHP

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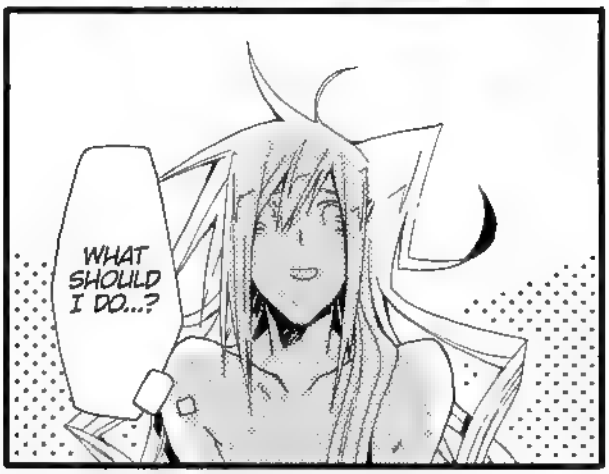
SNAAAAP

STARE


WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

SHP!?

We will leave their conversation to your imagination.
GRAB!
I CAN'T ENTER THE CONVERSATION...
CLINK★

SNAAP
!!
TATSUMI, YOU'RE AMAZING!!

HOW DO YOU EAT SOMETHING THIS BIG?!
YOU TEAR PIECES OFF AND EAT IT.
EATING IT ALL AT ONCE IS DANGEROUS.
WHAT IS THIS? SO SOFT!
POFF POFF
IF WE DON'T EAT IT QUICKLY IT'LL WILT
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. WANT SOME COTTON CANDY?
THIS IS DELICIOUS.
SHAA
AA
THAT WAS AMAZING, SENPAI!!!
BUT I WANTED TO EAT IT, TOO!!
MUNCH
MUNCH
That was the first time he saw a person eat cotton candy in one bite.

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OUCH...
I FELL AGAIIIN ...!

OOMPH!
BEFORE MORE DRAMA STARTS!
WELL, I SHOULD WASH UP SOON...

AGAIN, HE SAYS...?
UGH... THIS BRUISE STILL HASN'T HEALED UP YET, EITHER~!

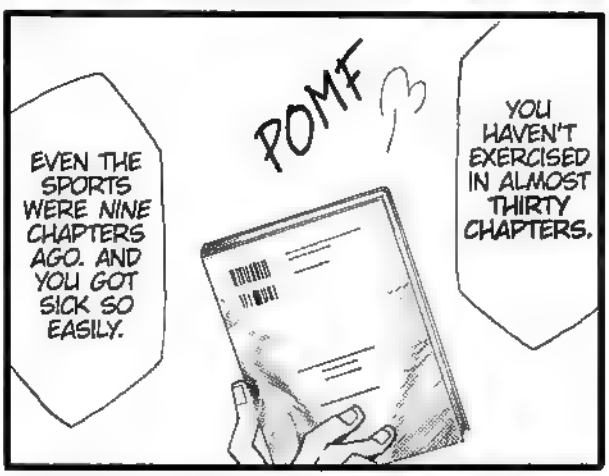
WAKASA ?!
ずいぶんと

CHAPTER 29
LET'S SHAPE UP!

I LOOK JUST THE SAME AS NORMAL!!
PLOMP
Chapter 13.
W-W-WAIT, TATSUMI! I DON'T LOOK LIKE HOW I DID BEFORE, RIGHT?!

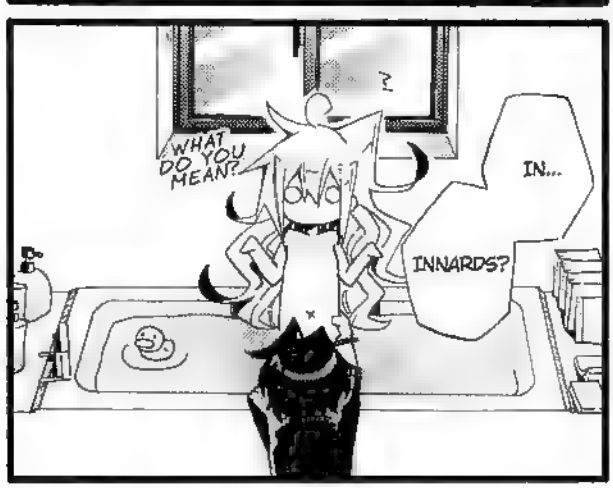
I DIDN'T HEAR ANY-THING!
I MEAN, COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE OUT OF SHAPE?
COULD IT BE AGE...?

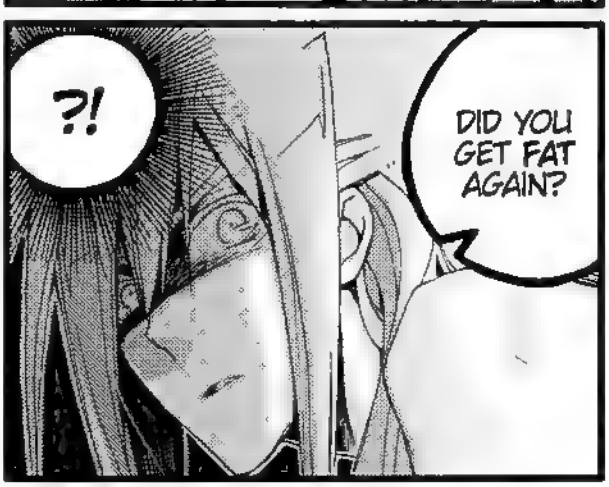
カリ しいい PHHNCH
EEEEK!


EVEN THE SPORTS WERE NINE CHAPTERS AGO. AND YOU GOT SICK SO EASILY.
POMF
YOU HAVEN'T EXERCISED IN ALMOST THIRTY CHAPTERS.

PULL
IT'S YOUR INNARDS.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, FALLING FROM JUST GETTING OUT OF THE TUB...


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IN...
INNARDS?


?!
DID YOU GET FAT AGAIN?

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
LOOKS LIKE PAYING A LITTLE MORE ATTENTION TO YOUR BODY WILL BRING GREAT RESULTS.
FLIP
BREATHING TECHNIQUE
M
METABOLISM ?
MY METABOLISM..?
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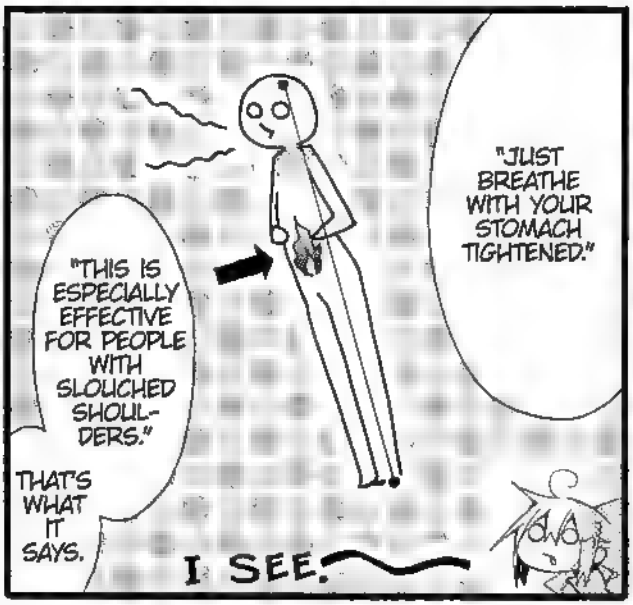
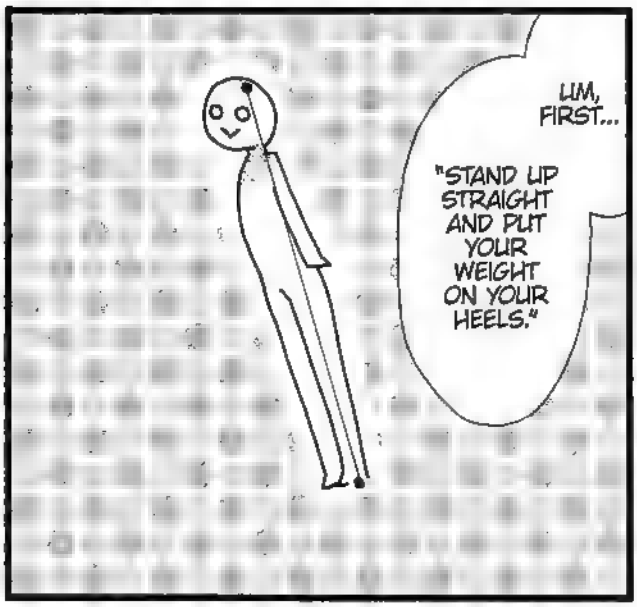
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
People who used to exercise are at high risk. (Especially men..)
Some people have intestinal fat even though they look skinny.


"JUST BREATHE WITH YOUR STOMACH TIGHTENED."
"THIS IS ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE FOR PEOPLE WITH SLOUCHED SHOULDERS."
THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS.
I SEE.~

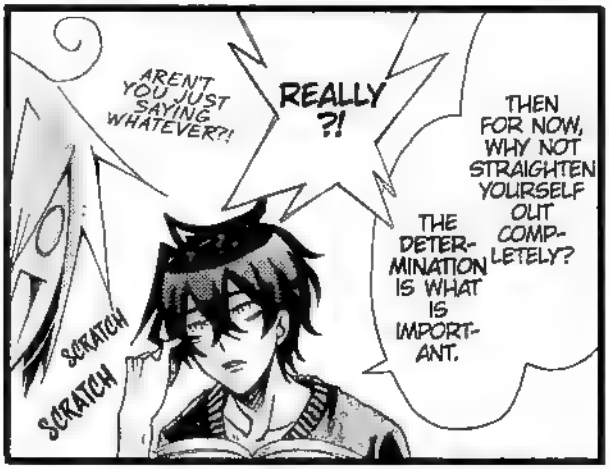

UM, FIRST...
"STAND UP STRAIGHT AND PUT YOUR WEIGHT ON YOUR HEELS."

STRAIGHT
SO THAT WILL BE ENOUGH?!
WAIT, IS IT TALKING ABOUT ME?!
Very self-aware, that Tatsumi.

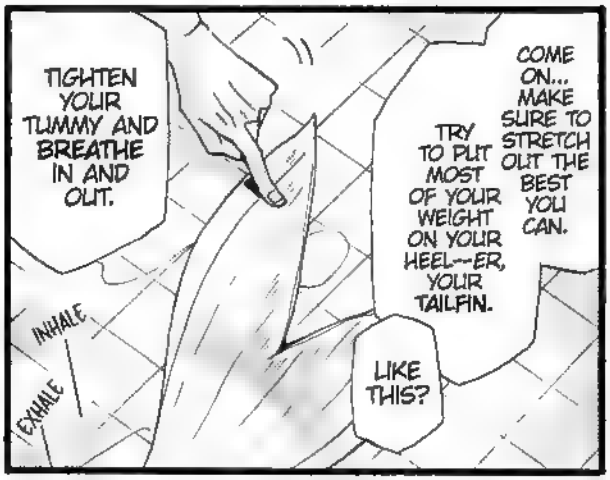
FLIP
EVEN THOUGH IT SAYS IT'S REALLY EASY.
IT'S STILL NOT QUITE RIGHT ...

SPLISH
OH...
OKAY, TATSU-MI!
BUT I DON'T HAVE HEELS TO BEGIN WITH!
OF COURSE

OH.
THIS LOOKS DOABLE.
THERE'S SOME-THING ELSE
TSK.
SWAY


REALLY ?!
AREN'T YOU JUST SAYING WHATEVER?!
THEN FOR NOW, WHY NOT STRAIGHTEN YOURSELF OUT COMP-LETELY?
THE DETER-MINATION IS WHAT IS IMPORT-ANT.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

I SEE. I SEE.
"PREPARE ONE TOWEL."
"HOLD BOTH ENDS AND STRAIGHTEN IT."

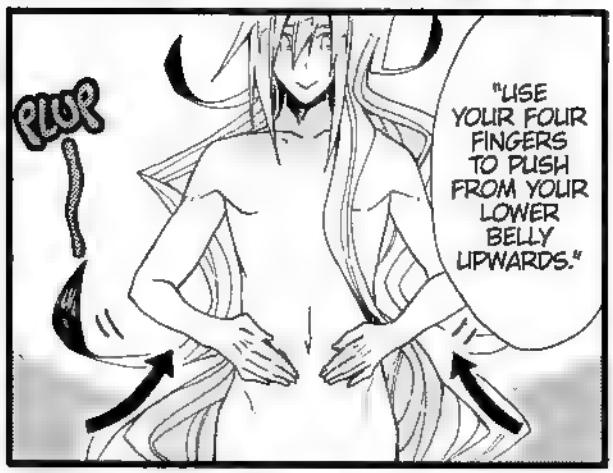

TIGHTEN YOUR TUMMY AND BREATHE IN AND OUT.
COME ON... MAKE SURE TO STRETCH OUT THE BEST YOU CAN.
TRY TO PUT MOST OF YOUR WEIGHT ON YOUR HEEL--ER, YOUR TAILFIN.
INHALE
EXHALE
LIKE THIS?

THAT'S A 100% USELESS GAG GIFT.
THAT THING WHERE YOU JUST WRAP AROUND YOURSELF AND YOU LOSE WEIGHT...?!

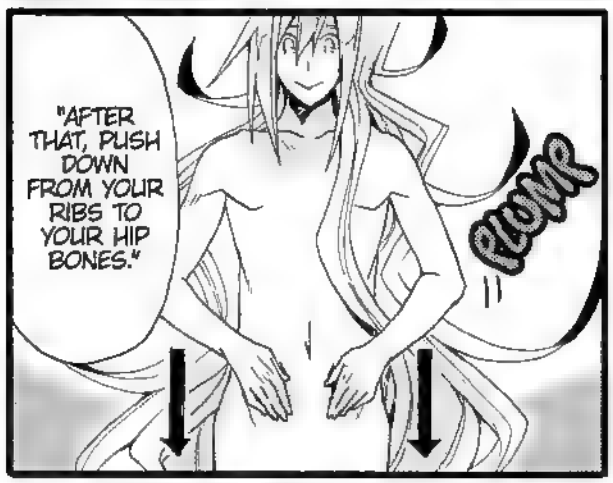
INHALE
EXHALE

LIKE WE DID IN THE APPENDIX!
OF A MAY MAGAZINE NOT COLLECTED HERE SORRY!
MERMAN IN MY TUB
GIVING YOURSELF A MASSAGE SEEMS TO WORK, TOO.

LIKE THIS...
YOU PULL ON IT WHILE KEEPING YOUR STOMACH TIGHT.
AND YOU CONTINUE TO PULL...


PLOP
"USE YOUR FOUR FINGERS TO PUSH FROM YOUR LOWER BELLY UPWARDS."

FWOOSH FWOOSH FWOOSH!!!
TIGHTEN YOUR STOMACH AND SWING UP AND DOWN
THIS ALSO TIGHTENS MUSCLES IN YOUR ARMS.
TIGHTEN YOUR STOMACH AND SWING UP AND DOWN


"AFTER THAT, PUSH DOWN FROM YOUR RIBS TO YOUR HIP BONES."
PLOMP

REDDEN
FWOOSH FWOOSH FWOOSH!!!

IF YOU STIMULATE YOUR INTESTINES, YOUR DIGESTION ALSO GETS BETTER.
GURGLE

WHEW
HALF
BREATHE!
BREATHE, TOO!!

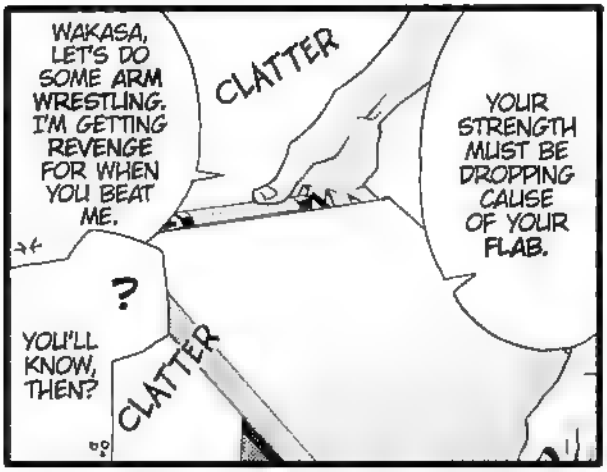
MUNCH
MUNCH
HEY, HEY. ISN'T THERE SOMETHING THAT WORKS FASTER?
THERE'S TOO MANY LITTLE THINGS IT'S HARD TO KEEP TRACK!
OF COURSE NOT.
KEEPING IN SHAPE ISN'T EASY.

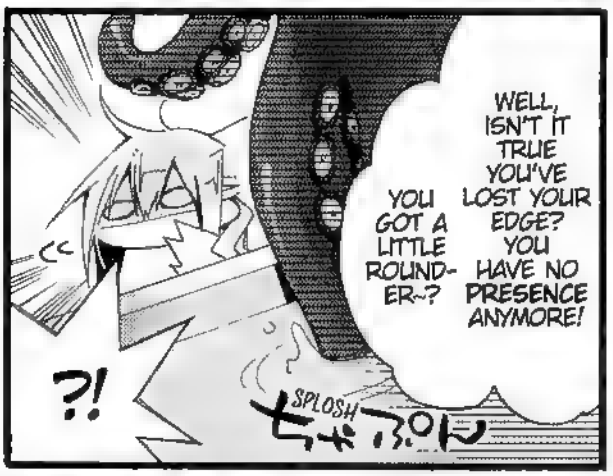
FLIP
OH, TATSUMI.
YOU FORGOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
?
WHAT?

PLISH
I HAVE TO GET PLENTY OF SLEEP.
IT SAYS MY EXERCISE WILL BE REALLY EFFECTIVE THEN!

AWW!
YOU PLAN ON JUST EATING, THEN SLEEPING?
SO?
.....

HEY.
NO!!
OH?
YOU'RE ON A DIET, WAKASA~?

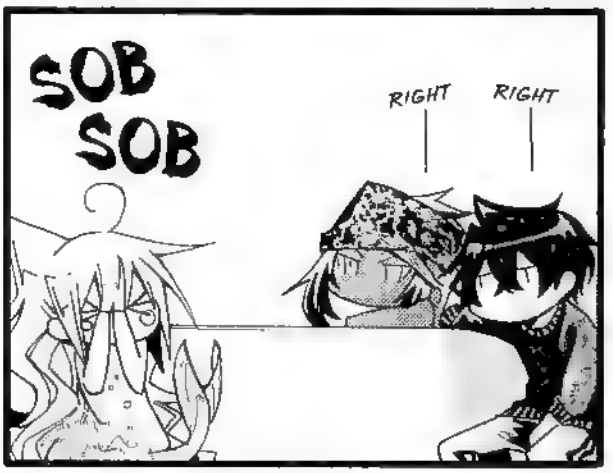

WAKASA, LET'S DO SOME ARM WRESTLING. I'M GETTING REVENGE FOR WHEN YOU BEAT ME.
CLATTER
YOUR STRENGTH MUST BE DROPPING CAUSE OF YOUR FLAB.
?
YOU'LL KNOW, THEN?
CLATTER


?!
SPLOSH
YOU GOT A LITTLE ROUND-ER~?
WELL, ISN'T IT TRUE YOU'VE LOST YOUR EDGE? YOU HAVE NO PRESENCE ANYMORE!

GRIP
OKAY. READY, GO.
JUST DO IT.

?!
HE'S JUST BECOME AN ORNA-MENTAL FISH THAT CAN SPEAK.

WHAM!!


SOB SOB
RIGHT
RIGHT

YOU'RE RIGHT!!
I'VE GOTTEN WEAKER!!
I CAN ONLY LAST A SECOND
SEE... JUST A MOMENT.
THERE WAS A MOMENT'S PAUSE COMPARED TO LAST TIME...

SO TAKASU'S WORDS WORKED ON HIM.
RUB...
IT'S GOOD-BYE FOR NOW, MY TUB
SINCE YOU GUYS SAY ALL THAT, I'LL GO TO THE RIVER AND EXERCISE...
YEAH... I GOT IT.
ALL RIGHT, TAKASU. HELP ME CARRY HIM TO THE RIVER.
HUH? YOU'RE GOING TO THE RIVER?
I KNOW A BETTER PLACE FOR US~!
HEH HEH HEH!
ALL RIGHT. THAT'S GOOD.
WHERE IS THAT?
Turn the page to find out!

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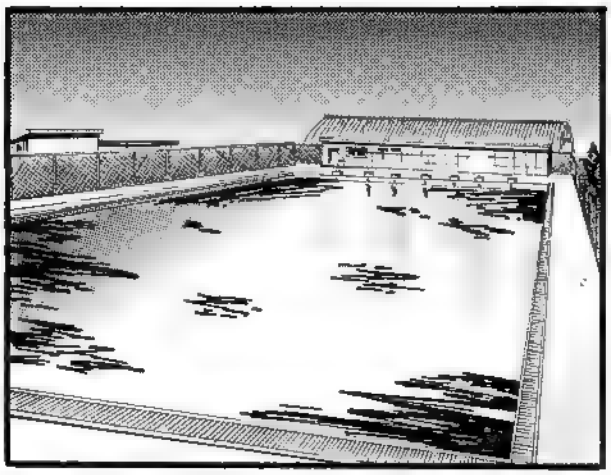
WHAT ABOUT THE SECURITY AND THE KEYS?
SNEAKING INTO SCHOOL POOLS AT NIGHT IS IMPOSSIBLE!



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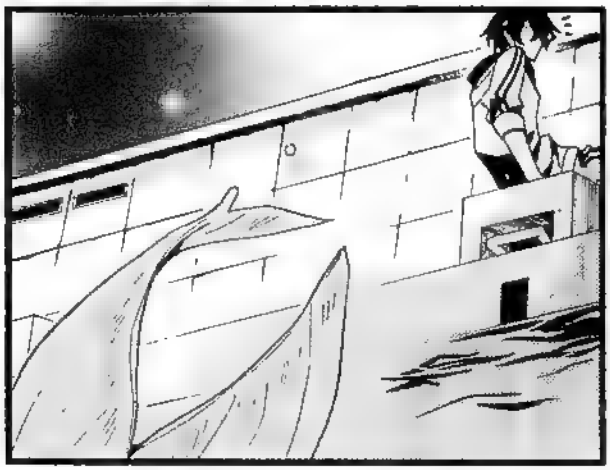
OH, WAIT... TAKASU'S SO HANDY!
HAIRPIN
?

THIS IS MY SCHOOL !!
HEY!
WOW!
SO PRETTY!

CHAPTER 30
EVERYONE IN THE POOL!!

I WANT TO DRINK SOME SODA.
GIVE ME SOME MONEY, TATSUMI
MAKE SURE TO BRING ME BACK MY WALLET.
SPLASH
YOU TWO ARE SO MEAN FOR TOSSING ME IN LIKE THAT!!
SPLASH

The stubbornness of the poor. →
LET'S DO THIS QUICKLY BEFORE WE'RE FOUND OUT, WAKASA!!
CRAP... WELL, WE'VE ALREADY COME, SO IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
STOMP STOMP STOMP



NO...
HM...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
I'M NOT... REALLY FEELING IT TODAY.
MAYBE TOMORROW?

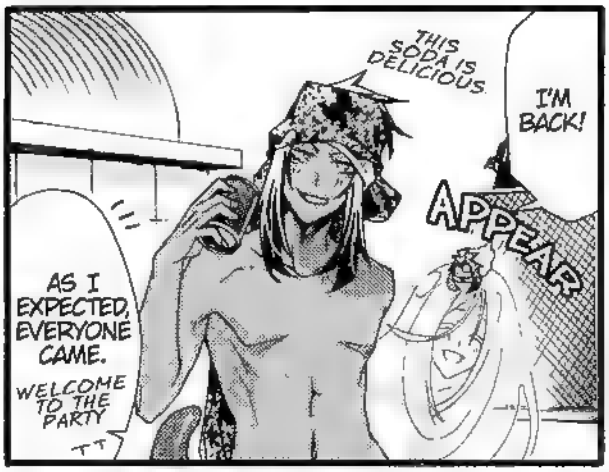
WHEW
HM...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, SO IT FEELS PRETTY NICE.

SP-SPLASH
WAKASA REALLY IS A MERMAN...!
HE FINALLY LOOKS LIKE ONE!

GYAAA?!

WELL, IT'S PROPERLY MAINTAINED.
SPLASH
I CAN SEE THROUGH IT 100%!!
THIS POOL IS SO CLEAN!
REALITY IS BITTER.
UNTIL JUST NOW
HM?
OH! WERE YOU WATCHING ME? DID YOU...SEE SOMETHING YOU LIKED?
FLAT-CHESTED!
ペたーんレ!

HUH?!
GRAB
HEY, TATSUMI!!
SHOW ME THE LEGENDARY TREASURE THAT DEFEATED AGARI!!!


THIS SODA IS DELICIOUS
I'M BACK!
APPEAR
AS I EXPECTED, EVERYONE CAME.
WELCOME TO THE PARTY

AGARI-SAN?!

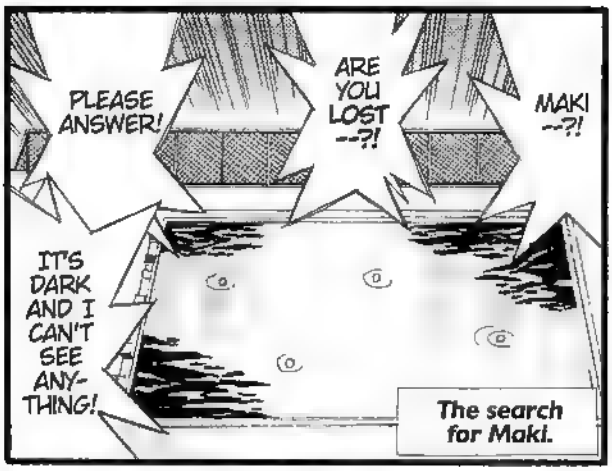
HUH?

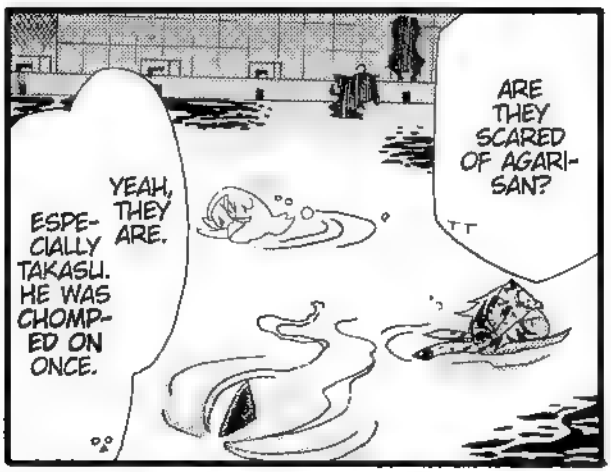
PULL
PULL

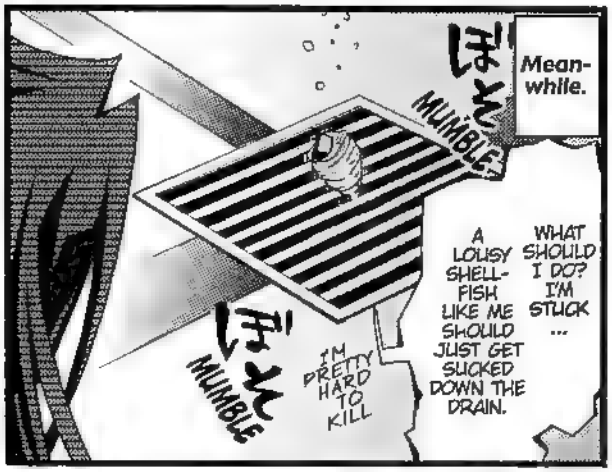
HUH?
WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG?

IT WAS UNDER-WEAR?
I'M NOT WEAR-ING STRIPED UNDER-WEAR TODAY!!
GET AWAY FROM ME!!

SNAP
SNAP
WHOA!
AGARI-SAN. WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
SAY IF YOU'RE HERE
?!


PLEASE ANSWER!
ARE YOU LOST --?!
MAKI --?!
IT'S DARK AND I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING!
The search for Maki.


ARE THEY SCARED OF AGARI-SAN?
YEAH, THEY ARE.
ESPE-CIALLY TAKASU. HE WAS CHOMP-ED ON ONCE.


Mean-while.
ぼん MUMBLE
ぼん MUMBLE
I'M PRETTY HARD TO KILL
A LOUSY SHELL-FISH LIKE ME SHOULD JUST GET SUCKED DOWN THE DRAIN.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I'M STUCK ...

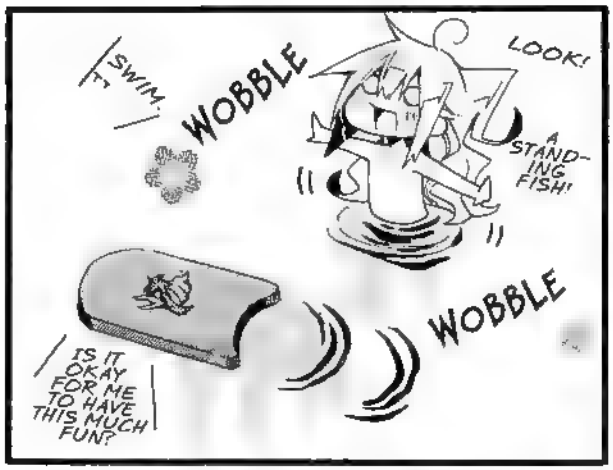
I SEE...
IT LOOKS LIKE SENPAI CAN'T COMMUNICATE WITH THEM WELL.

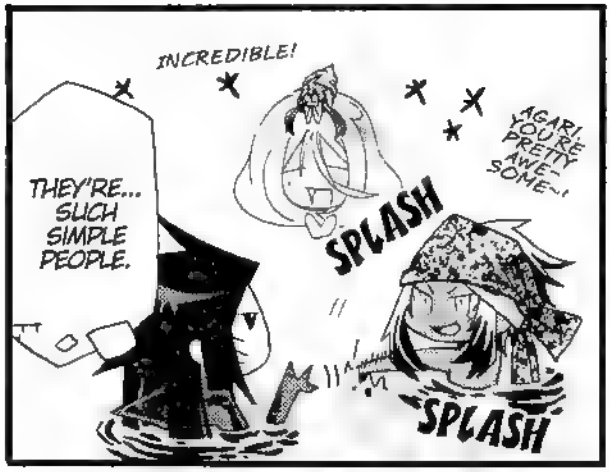
LIFT

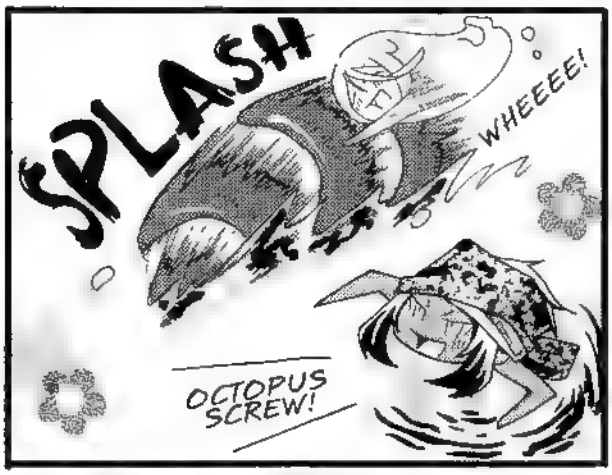
STARE...

Sharks can find their prey, even in dark waters.
SPLASH
AMAZING--!!
AGARI-SAN!

HUH?
HUH ...?
WHERE IS MAKI-SAN?
?!


I SWIM.
WOBBLE
LOOK!
A STAND-ING FISH!
WOBBLE
IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO HAVE THIS MUCH FUN?


INCREDIBLE!
AGARI, YOU'RE PRETTY AWE-SOME-!
THEY'RE... SUCH SIMPLE PEOPLE.
SPLASH
SPLASH


SPLASH
WHEEEE!
OCTOPUS SCREW!

ARE YOU AN OLD MAN WATCHING OVER HIS GRAND-CHILDREN?
YEAH.
THANK GOOD-NESS. EVERY-ONE IS GETTING ALONG WELL...!
YEAH.

SHOW US YOUR SKILLS!
JOIN US, TATSUMI!

WELL... THAT'S FINE AND ALL...

I'M FINE.
I JUST HAVE AN ODD FEELING

HE HAD FOR-GOTTEN.
I'M GOING!!
YOU SEEM TOTALLY RELAXED
BUT HAVEN'T YOU FOR-GOTTEN THE REASON WE'RE HERE?

CHATTER
CHATTER
.....
POKE
POKE
I THINK A WIDE POOL IS BETTER FOR YOU THAN A TUB.
MUMBLE
AS I THOUGHT, WAKASA...

BUT I LIKE THE TUB THE BEST.
TODAY'S THE ONLY DAY
WAKASA ... DON'T YOU WANT TO GO PLAY?
IT'S TRUE THAT A LARGE POOL IS FUN.
AND THAT A FLOWING RIVER FEELS NICE.
5
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I SEE.
GUESS THE TWO OF US SHOULD HEAD HOME SOON.
SNAP
I KNOW IT'S LOCKY OF ME, BUT ME, AS TOO WELL!
I'M COMING TOO, JERK!
3
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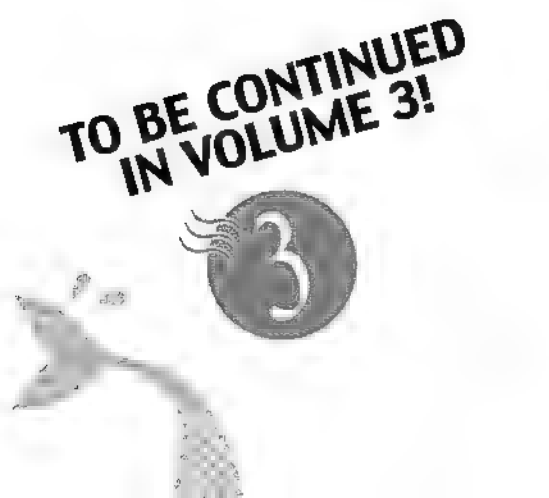
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IN VOLUME 3!
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EXTRA:
THE BACKGROUND CIRCUMSTANCES OF MY HOUSE
I HAVE NOTHING NEW TO SAY. I TOLD YOU EVERYTHING I WANTED TO IN VOLUME 1.
ACTUALLY, I TOLD YOU WAY TOO MUCH AND WISH I HADN'T SAID ANY-THING

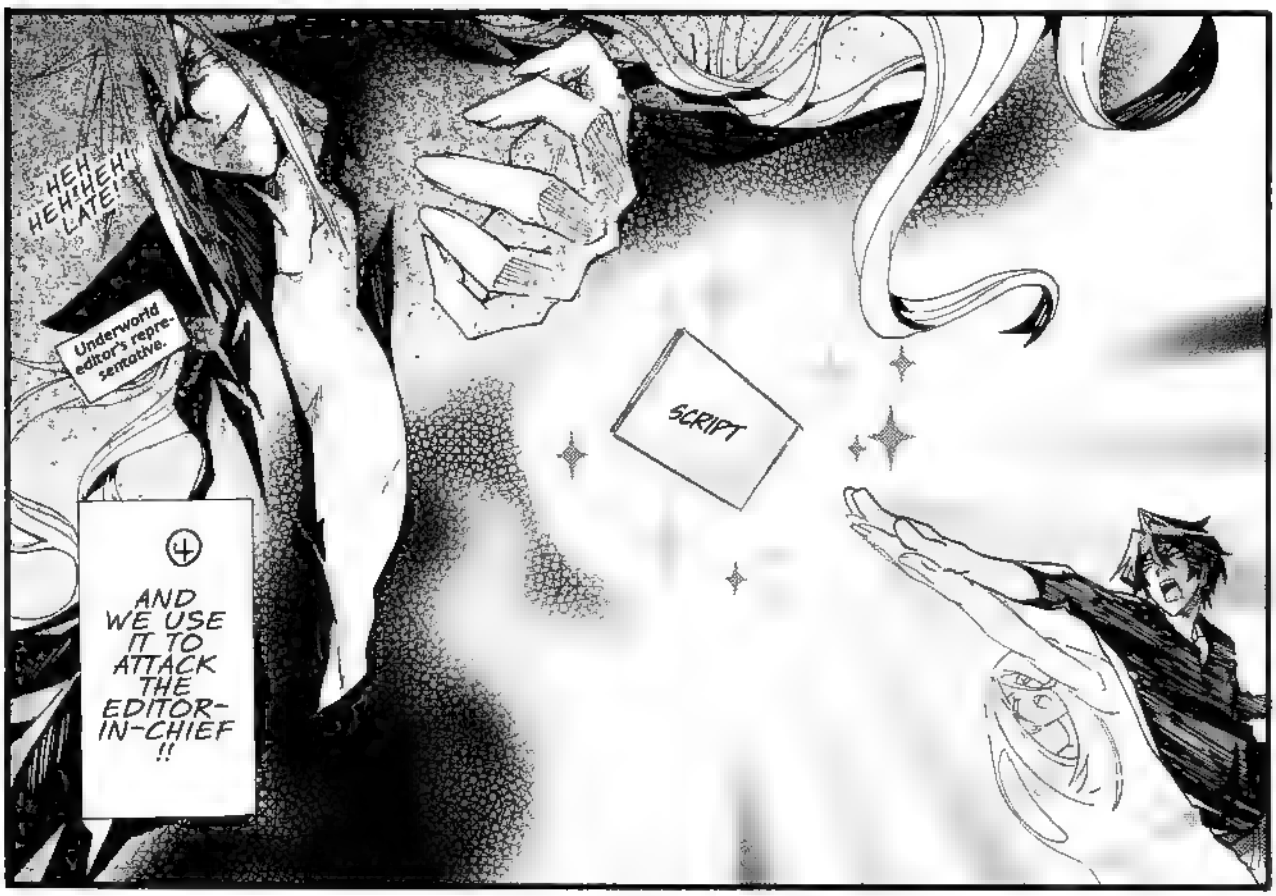
WHAT'S THE REST OF THE PRO-CESS?
LET'S GO!☆
DREAMS AND HOPES.
WHO CARES? MOST OF THIS MANGA'S CREATIVE PROCESS IS INSTINCT ANYWAYS.

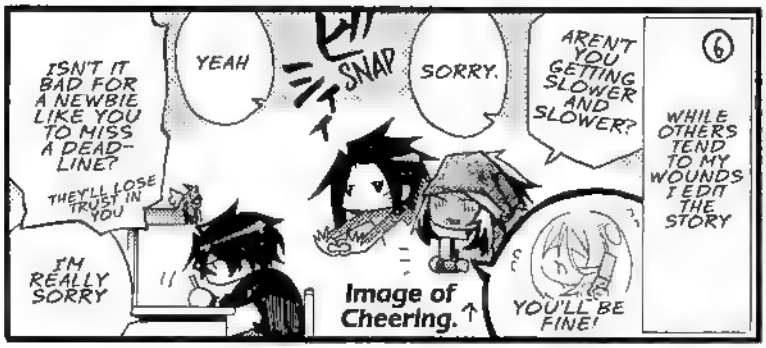
WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM KNOWING HOW WE PUBLISH?
DO WE DO ANYTHING SPECIAL AS PUBLISH-ERS?
SO, WE'RE GOING TO DO A STORY ABOUT PUBLISHING.

Tokyo
Country-side
Editor's represen-tative.
KYA!
KYA!
THE REST OF THE CALL WE USUALLY TALK ABOUT GAMES, THE WORLD, OR JUST THE FLOWERS BLOOM-ING.
② I TELL MY EDITOR ABOUT MY IDEA
It's a very nice conversation.

My repre-sentative.
① FIRST, I THINK UP A STORY
CENSORED
I DON'T STAND AROUND ALL DAY SOME-TIMES, I SIT AROUND.

LET US BELIEVE!
Merman in My Tub Script
LET'S WORK HARD. WE CAN DO IT...!
③
AND WE PRAY THE SCRIPT WE CREATED TOGETHER WILL WORK


HEH HEHHEH!! LATE!!
Underworld editor's representative.
SCRIPT
④
AND WE USE IT TO ATTACK THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF !!


ISN'T IT BAD FOR A NEWBIE LIKE YOU TO MISS A DEAD-LINE?
YEAH
SNAP
SORRY.
ARENT YOU GETTING SLOWER AND SLOWER?
⑥
WHILE OTHERS TEND TO MY WOUNDS I EDIT THE STORY
THEY'LL LOSE TRUST IN YOU
I'M REALLY SORRY
Image of Cheering.
YOU'LL BE FINE!

NO GOOD!
SLAP!!
⑤
AND WE LOSE !!
HE KNOWS MERMAN IN MY TUB BETTER THAN I DO.
WE WERENT READY FOR THE FINAL BOSS
AUGH!

I AM ENJOYING MY LIFE LIKE THIS ☆
Reward
TIME FOR HAAGEN-DAZS!
I DID IT!
Merman in My Tub Script
⑦
FIN-ISHED ☆

FROZEN
WHITE AS A SHEET WITH NERVES.
A SECOND VOLUME! HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
NICE TO MEET YOU NEWCOMERS, AND HELLO AGAIN, SECOND TIMERS! I AM ITOKICHI!

EITHER WAY, I'M SUPER THANKFUL I GOT THIS FAR!!
I LOVE YOU ALL.
MACH OK? MACH GO?

I LOOKED THROUGH THE PICTURE COLLECTION OF MOKOMICHI THE MODEL SO MANY TIMES I GOT TIRED OF IT AND GOT A NEW SET OF MODELING PHOTOS.
THIS ONE HAS THE KANOU SISTERS!
I BOUGHT IT!
SO HOT!!
THEY ARE SO MYSTERIOUS AND WONDERFUL! THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL, BUT POISONOUS. BUT I HEARD THEY ARE HARD TO TAKE CARE OF AS PETS, SO I WILL JUST DREAM ABOUT THEM. BECAUSE I'M LAZY.
ESPECIALLY JELLYFISH..!!
WHEN I'M DRAWING THESE CHARACTERS I LOOK UP VARIOUS SEA CREATURES, BUT AS I SEARCH, I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM!
ROW
ROW

♥ SPECIAL THANKS TO: ♥
THE GODDESSES THAT WATCHED OVER ME WARMLY!
FRIENDS
FAMILY
AND PEOPLE WHO MEET MY FAMILY.
I'M SORRY THEY TALK SO MUCH ABOUT THEIR KID..
THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE OF ME SO MUCH!
EDITORS
AND ALL MY WONDERFUL READERS!
THAT'S YOU!!
I LOVE STRIPES!
NOW THERE ARE EVEN MORE MEN THAN THE TWO IN THAT TUB, SO I KNOW IT GETS A LITTLE STUFFY, BUT I WILL BE HAPPY IF YOU CONTINUE READING THIS SERIES!
SALUTE

Merman
in My Tub

See you next time!
THANKS FOR READING.
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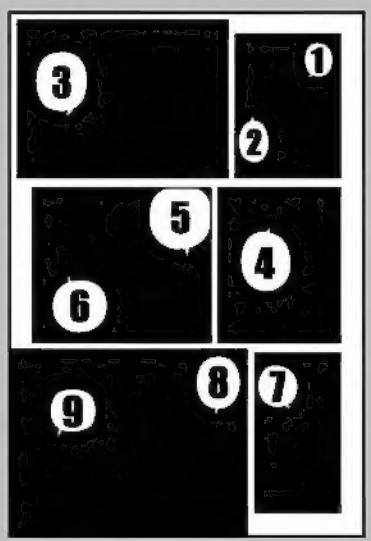

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